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Erekat: Talks stalled over four points

NEGOTIATIONS over Hebron are expected to slow down this week, as the sides failed in an all-night session Sunday night to resolve four security-related differences on IDF redeployment, and Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat left for a scheduled visit to Europe.

US special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross also left the country yesterday, citing the departure of Arafat. But in a statement released before he left, Ross sought to underscore the headway that has been made in the talks and his confidence that an agreement on Hebron is "possible in the very near future." He pledged to return to complete the negotiations.

"We've made headway, we've narrowed the differences," Ross told Reuters yesterday. "I believe that the differences that exist right now are very definitely bridgeable."

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb

Erekat said yesterday that Palestinians and Israelis disagree on four major points over which the Palestinians cannot compromise. At the same time, he insisted the talks are not deadlocked, and subcommittees dealing with issues such as the Gaza airport would meet this week.

Israeli officials also insisted there is a need for both sides to meet, saying it is even harder to restart talks if there is a rupture. Yet no breakthrough is expected, and until this occurs, neither side is seeking a summit meeting.

Both sides blamed each other for the lack of progress. Speaking to reporters upon arrival in Norway yesterday, Arafat said, "The Israelis set new conditions every day."

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told a press conference at his bureau yesterday, "We are very close to being finished. We could have finished the agree-

DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

ment last night. I have no doubt about it. I really hope the appropriate instructions will come from the Palestinian side. At this point, those instructions have not been given.

"For close to two weeks we have been on the verge of an agreement [with the Palestinians] and we could have closed the deal [on Sunday] night. I am convinced of that."

Noting that "there had even been slight signs of backtracking," Netanyahu added: "The Palestinians will hopefully reach the conclusion that it is in the best interests of both sides to reach and to maintain agreements."

The assumption that the blame will always automatically be placed on Israel for failing to reach an agreement "no

longer works," he said. "It is a false assumption," not only in the US and Europe, "but even - and this is most important - in the Arab world."

Government officials say there was a conceptual understanding on the key issues brokered by Ross over the weekend, but there was a failure to translate those understandings into written agreements.

According to sources close to the negotiations, there was an understanding on how to deal both with the issue of Israeli hot pursuit of terrorist suspects into Palestinian areas as well as whether a key street in Hebron would remain open.

However, sources say these issues were never even addressed, let alone set down in writing, in a meeting at the Herzliya home of US Ambassador Martin Indyk, which began at 2 a.m. Monday.

"Within a half hour after the start of the

meeting, it was clear that we were not even dealing with the big issues, but were sidetracked with other issues which were unresolved. It did not change for the rest of the meeting," a source close to the negotiations said.

While Israelis say these issues were resolved and the Palestinians were "reopening them," it seems that differences on these issues remain. One of the issues is whether Palestinian policemen could carry only pistols or rifles.

The hot-pursuit issue and the opening of the street were not even dealt with, and the talks ended inconclusively around 5 a.m. yesterday morning.

In delineating the points of disagreement, Erekat said the following:

- On hot pursuit: "There will be no hot pursuit. It's like asking us to be impotent. If the [Oslo 2] agreement says the Israelis

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Palestinian youths unfurl their national flag during a wake at the home of Hilmi Shoushi, a boy allegedly beaten to death by a settler on Sunday.

Settlement security boss denies beating Arab boy to death

JUDEA and Samaria police have yet to decide whether to keep in custody a Hadar Betar security officer who Palestinian residents say beat to death 11-year-old Hilmi Shoushi on Sunday, spokesman Boaz Goldenberg said yesterday.

The boy had apparently been throwing stones at cars, when suspect Nahum Korman allegedly chased him into the village of Husan and beat him. Korman reportedly at first admitted hitting the boy, but later denied this and according to police is not cooperating in his investigation.

The boy's body was taken for autopsy to the National Forensics Institute at Ahu Kabir yesterday, where doctors determined he died from a blow to the left side of his neck, which caused a blood clot in the brain, Goldenberg said.

"It is not yet clear whether the

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village in a four-wheel-drive vehicle, stopped, and then chased them on foot; apparently after someone complained youths had thrown stones over his settlement of Hadar Betar.

Witnesses said Korman grabbed Shoushi and kicked him in the head, threw him to the ground, hit him with a gun butt, and kicked him again. When village woman saw that the boy was unconscious, they grabbed Korman and demanded he take him to the hospital.

Instead, Korman called for an ambulance, which took Shoushi to Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem section. There he was pronounced dead early yesterday morning.

Shoushi lived in Husan with his mother and grandparents, but was an Israeli citizen through his

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Gesher threatens to vote against budget

THE Gesher faction threatened yesterday to vote against the 1997 budget in its first reading if major changes are not made in the next two days.

The debate on the budget is to start today, and the vote is to take place tomorrow.

"I cannot support injury to the weaker members of society," said faction chairman Maxim Levy, at a meeting of the Likud faction last night. "The Treasury must propose alternative budget cuts... As a matter of conscience and principle, I cannot vote for this budget."

Levy was echoed by fellow faction member Yehuda Lancri. However, it is not yet clear that he

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speaks for the entire seven-member faction - particularly Foreign Minister David Levy and Deputy Finance Minister David Magen.

MK Michael Kleiner also took a slightly softer line, saying he would support the budget tomorrow if he receives a firm commitment for future changes from Finance Minister Dan Meridor, rather than merely a promise to discuss the matter.

So far, Tsomet is the only coalition member which has publicly announced support for the budget. The five other members have officially not yet made up their minds.

Both Meridor and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu spent much of the evening trying to win over their own party. Netanyahu stressed that the first reading of the budget is a crucial test for the coalition.

"If we don't pass the budget on Wednesday, this will impact on many other things," he said. "Now is the time for responsibility. I ask you all to do everything you can to pass the budget."

Meridor also tried to get his message across at an earlier meeting with the social caucus, in which the Likud is heavily represented. Like the Likud faction, caucus members

Mordechai: No official has said 'not one inch' on Golan

NO senior government official has said "not one inch on the Golan," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

After the closed meeting, Mordechai told reporters he was calling on Syria to resume the peace negotiations.

According to an official briefing, Mordechai said there had been "certain changes in Syrian strategy. Up until a certain point, Syria had considered the diplomatic process to be the only option, but recently it began talking of the military option as well. We can't give it a time frame, but it requires maximum alert."

Mordechai also said a large Syrian exercise is

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planned soon "and therefore we're taking necessary steps to maintain maximum alertness, while preventing a deterioration in the situation."

"We're carrying out assessments as often as necessary. Even though there is an assessment that [President Hafez] Assad won't act before the US elections, we cannot ignore the facts on the ground..."

"We're not interested in conflict with Syria unless we're threatened," Mordechai said.

Brig-Gen. Amos Gilad, head of the research department in military intelligence, said there are no concrete indications of a planned Syrian attack. He said that Syria routinely bolds military maneuvers at this time of year.

Microsoft, local company to offer video link on Internet

JERUSALEM POST STAFF and news agencies

MICROSOFT Corp. has purchased equity in the local company VDOnet, which specializes in software enabling high-quality video transmissions over the Internet.

A press release yesterday said the companies had entered a licensing agreement regarding Internet communication technologies. It did not specify the extent of Microsoft's investment.

The purchase is reportedly the software giant's first investment here.

"Microsoft has been actively evolving technology and products to make communication over the Internet a valuable experience," said John Ludwig, vice president in the Internet platform and tools division at Microsoft. "We concluded that VDOnet and its technology will complement our efforts and play a vital role in the future of network communications."

VDOnet's breakthrough technology offers high-quality video optimized for communication over low-bandwidth connections, the release said.

Wild horse upsets donkey's redemption

SEVEN persons were lightly injured yesterday at a biblical ceremony celebrating the redemption of a first-born donkey in Sderot, when the horse pulling the donkey's cart ran amok into the crowd.

Thousands had gathered at the Negev town's stadium for the rare ceremony, during which the donkey was to be redeemed from a kohen, a member of the priestly class, by exchanging it for a sheep or its monetary equivalent. Rabbi Yitzhak Kadourie, the well-known cabalist, was to officiate and the overflow crowd was anxiously awaiting his arrival by helicopter.

As hundreds of spectators unable to find seats in the stadium milled about outside, a horse-drawn cart arrived bearing the celebrant donkey, which was adorned with gold jewelry and other decorations.

The horse, for unknown reasons, suddenly bolted, dragging the cart and donkey into the crowd.

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Mordechai blames Arafat for delay in Hebron deal

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday placed the responsibility for the delay in reaching a Hebron agreement firmly on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. "Arafat is delaying the signing for reasons I don't understand," he told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

Outside the committee, Ehud Barak (Labor) agreed with Mordechai, and said the opposition should support the government over Hebron because it is Arafat who is stalling.

But Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Arafat are at fault "for turning it into a matter of prestige, not security."

They all agreed on the potential for violence

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in Hebron, with Barak noting it could break out either before or after redeployment.

Mordechai said the agreement on civilian authority in Hebron is ready for signing, and with more flexibility on Arafat's part the security agreement could also be signed.

He said the main difficulties remain ensuring living space for the Jewish and Palestinian communities; ensuring the IDF could operate to defend Jewish residents; reducing the friction between the Jewish and Palestinian areas; and decreasing the possibility of Palestinian Police operations in Israeli areas.

"There are still differences - some in word-

ing, some in interpretation," he said. "But an agreement could have been signed [Sunday] night. It would have been possible to leave the other issues for a meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat, but [Arafat] decided to go away."

Concerning terror activity, Mordechai said there are still signs that Islamic Jihad intends to carry out a mass attack to mark the first anniversary of the killing of Fathi Shkaki. Mordechai said the government had decided it was necessary to enforce a closure for several days, in addition to other measures aimed at thwarting an attack.

Mordechai said the PA had detained many suspects, "but on the other hand has released Hamas activists, some of them serious."



Hagi Ben-Artzi, the brother of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's wife Sara, settles in in Hebron, where he moved Sunday to protest the government's plan to redeploy the IDF in the city. (Dana Serman/Israel Sun)

Arafat begins European trip

News agencies

OSLO - Brushing aside US objections, Yasser Arafat yesterday started a European tour in hopes of picking up support for the peace process, after the talks on Hebron reached an impasse.

Arafat's visit to Norway began hours after the US-mediated talks stalled late Sunday night. US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross, who had been mediating the talks, criticized the timing of Arafat's trip.

Making his first visit to Oslo as chairman of the Palestinian Authority, Arafat became the first foreign guest received by Prime Minister Thorbjørn Jagland, who succeeded his Labor Party colleague Gro Harlem Brundtland on Friday.

Jagland said he was happy his first official duty as prime minister was to greet Arafat. He stressed the continuing Norwegian commitment to the peace process.

Arafat met sharp criticism for going ahead with a four-day European tour during a critical phase in the Hebron negotiations.

Arafat acknowledged that a purpose of the trip was to enlist international support for the Palestinian position.

"I am here to get help from our Norwegian friends at this difficult time," he said, adding that the negotiations are continuing in the subcommittees, and that he is hoping for progress within the next few days.

Arafat is to leave Oslo today and continue on to Ireland - the current EU president - and Spain. He is expected to leave Spain on Friday.

Levinger: Hebron settlers will defend themselves if attacked

HERB KEINON

HEBRON'S Jews will defend themselves if it becomes clear that a "massacre" is in the offing, Hebron resident Rabbi Moshe Levinger said yesterday, adding that if the IDF redeployments, a massacre is a real possibility.

Levinger spoke to reporters just outside the Machpelah Cave, prior to addressing some 150 members of the National Religious Party central committee, and a number of the party's MKs who came to the city yesterday. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is to address the NRP's central committee about Hebron on Thursday.

Levinger, who referred several times to the 1929 massacre of 66 Jews in Hebron, dismissed claims that the massive IDF presence in the Jewish enclave after redeployment would stave off such an attack.

"By the time they [the IDF] get themselves organized, everything will be over. A massacre could take place here within an hour," he said.

Levinger denied reports that Jews in the area are planning some kind of action to torpedo the redeployment, calling this a "blood libel."

The day before, however, he told Maj.-Gen. Oren Shabor, in charge of negotiations with the Palestinians on municipal issues in Hebron, that the city's Jews are feeling "suffocated," and that this feeling is what led to Baruch Goldstein and Yigal Amir.

The NRP representatives heard Levinger enumerate what he said are the two prime dangers of redeployment - that a mob of thousands of Palestinians will descend on the Jewish enclave, rendering the IDF impotent, and that snipers will fire at the settlement from the city's hills.

"The prime minister said [in a meeting with Hebron settlement leaders on Sunday] that he calmed down the situation a few weeks ago by bringing tanks to the outskirts of Kalkilya," Levinger said.

"But is he going to bring tanks into the center of Hebron? And if he does, is he going to use them? Say he gives the order to open fire, and 600 Arabs are killed, what will the world say? How will the government stand up to the world, let alone the opposition? It will make Sabra and Shatilla look like nothing."

MK Shaul Yahalom said during the tour of the city that he can't see the party remaining in the government if it does not provide security for Hebron's Jews. He cited three conditions that Israel must stand firm on before signing an agreement.

"First of all, it has to be clear that Israel has control over all the strategic sites where terrorists, or even Palestinian policemen, can harm the settlement," Yahalom said. He also said the agreement must include limitations on the

type of weapons the Palestinians can carry near the settlement, and must spell out that the settlement will be able to develop, and that all municipal services will be provided for it without problems.

But Ze'evulun Orlev, the party's general secretary, said that the NRP has "no other government." Rather than threatening to leave the coalition, Orlev said the party will do everything it can to "influence" the government and ensure

that changes are made in the accords that will ensure the security of the settlement.

The NRP central committee adopted resolutions calling for the IDF to remain responsible for security, for Israel to retain control over municipal matters affecting the settlement, that Jewish access to the holy places be preserved, that a continuous territorial strip be maintained from Kiryat Arba to the Jewish enclave in Hebron, and that the settlement in Hebron be allowed to grow.

Sarid, Netanyahu discuss PA, Syria

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MERETZ leader Yossi Sarid and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had a meeting yesterday at which Sarid relayed his impressions of his latest contacts with the Palestinian Authority, and Netanyahu discussed the state of the negotiations with Syria. The two agreed to meet again from time to time to swap information and opinions.

Opposition leader Shimon Peres told the Labor faction he is worried that the lack of control in Hebron could cause a "bloodbath in the Middle East." He said the basic problem remains the lack of trust between the two sides.

He strongly criticized Netanyahu for the decision to allow 3,000 apartments in Judea and Samaria to be inhabited, saying that decision, and the statements about seeking oil on the Golan Heights are "hit-and-run decisions."

He said Netanyahu's slogan of a "secure peace" had collapsed, but he supported the idea of talking with Likud MKs over the final settlement.

"I'm worried. Today the whole world is running after [PA Chairman Yasser] Arafat. We've lost bargaining power," Peres said. "If you slow down the pace of peace, you speed up the pace of non-peace."

He told of his meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who told him the peace has not died. "But we cannot be complacent," Peres said.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu has come under fire from Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein over his handling of the Hebron negotiations.

Speaking during a tour of new immigrant facilities in Beersheba, Edelstein said he could not vote on a plan about which he has no details, saying that Netanyahu and two other ministers are making all the decisions.

"I hope we will reach an agreement soon, but I personally have let [Netanyahu] know that I can not vote for something which I have not had a chance to study carefully. A matter of 50 meters could bring the downfall not only of Hebron but of the whole thing," he said.

Edelstein also criticized the pace of the negotiations. "I think we have to take our time. I very much disliked what happened [Sunday]. Just because Arafat has to travel, we have to rush to complete the negotiations? There is no such thing."

"It is an agreement for generations, so it can take another few weeks to reach."

Hussein to meet Mubarak in Egypt

KING Hussein of Jordan is to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Sharm El-Sheikh today to discuss the stalled Middle East peace process, a Jordanian official said.

He said the decision to hold the previously unplanned meeting was made in a telephone call between the two leaders. *Reuter*

Reports of bids to undermine redeployment

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THE security forces have information concerning attempts to torpedo the coming IDF redeployment in Hebron, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday.

Speaking to reporters on a tour of Ramle's Neveh Tirza prison for women, Kahalani said steps are being considered "regarding an increased state of alert" in Hebron.

The redeployment will probably not be as calm as hoped for, Kahalani said, noting reports of several attempts to undermine it.

Those who live in Hebron must understand that a formula must be found for Jews and Arabs to live together there, just as they do in Jaffa and Tel Aviv, he said.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai echoed the point later in the day in Jerusalem. "There are some elements [in Hebron] who have the capability of realizing all the existing dangers there," he told Knesset reporters after yesterday's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee meeting. Saying that extremists should "cool down their responses," Mordechai said both sides are committed to the peace process.

Different negotiating styles combined with lack of trust led to impasse

ANALYSIS DAVID MAKOVSKY

SUBSTANTIVE differences aside, the impasse in the Hebron redeployment talks can be traced to distinctly different negotiating styles, but also to a lack of trust between the two sides.

The difference in negotiating styles can probably be bridged once the leaders on both sides push their negotiators to finish. But the lack of trust is more fundamental and will inevitably bedevil the sides even after the talks are concluded.

Differences on dealing with the hot-pursuit issue illuminate the broader stylistic differences between two negotiators: a corporate attorney and a nationalistic academic. Yitzhak Molcho, a lawyer and personal friend of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, wanted the right to engage in hot pursuit in Palestinian-dominated parts of Hebron to be spelled out as explicitly as possible.

However, ambiguity is precisely what his counterpart, Sabch Erekat, wanted. Noting that

hot pursuit is mentioned elsewhere in the Oslo 2 accord, Erekat felt there was no need to spell out details when it came in Hebron.

Already seen by the Israelis as an obstructionist or "intellectual musclem" for his contentious tone, and viewed as always seeking to dilute or unravel previous joint drafts, Erekat suggested he wanted to keep wording general to appease both his own nationalism and Palestinian public opinion.

"It's like asking us to be impotent," Erekat said, in explaining his objection to detailing the issue.

However, sources close to the negotiations said there is more to the impasse than differences of style, as the Palestinians simply do not trust the Israelis, and believe the Netanyahu

government will use any right of hot pursuit to routinely enter Palestinian areas.

Nor does Israel trust the Palestinians, demanding that things be written down to prevent them from later backing down from verbal agreements. This focus on the written word gained special potency due to repeated Palestinian references to the wording of Oslo 2.

One source expressed frustration with both negotiators.

"Erekat and Molcho are the perfect pair," he said. "They deserve each other, as both lack experience in such delicate negotiations. One cannot have a situation where one side wants to nail down all possibilities in order to protect one's own interest, while being ambiguous when it comes to the concerns of the other side."

"This negotiation could have been easily wrapped up, and it still may be. However, it requires some trust and cooperation, which is what a peace agreement is all about."

EU names Spaniard as Mideast envoy

News agencies

LUXEMBOURG (Reuters) - The European Union yesterday named Spanish Ambassador to Israel Miguel Angel Moratinos to be its special envoy to the Middle East, EU diplomats said.

EU foreign ministers gave Moratinos a mandate to observe the peace process, establish relations with Israeli and Palestinian negotiators and to report on possible EU actions. German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said Moratinos will give up his ambassadorial position to concentrate on the task.

EU leaders agreed to appoint an envoy at their special summit in Dublin on October 5. The 15-nation bloc, urged on by France, has been seeking to play a greater role in the Middle East peace process.

EU officials said Moratinos was a very knowledgeable diplomat with years of experience in the Middle East. He is currently also director of Spain's Institute for cooperation with Africa and the Middle East.

French Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette said Moratinos, will need his "talents as a negotiator."

Spain's Foreign Minister Abel Matutes said that by sending a special envoy, the EU did not intend "to be against somebody, but to be there just for peace, in a complementary role of the United States."

Settlers deny Peace Now claim of new settlement

Peace Now yesterday claimed that a new settlement has recently been established on a hill near Itamar, not far from Nablus, and sent a letter to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai demanding that it be removed.

But Yechiel Leiter, spokesman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said that the mobile homes have been there for at least two years, and that they were placed on land belonging to Itamar. *Herb Keinon*



Susanna Goncz, wife of the Hungarian president, visits Jerusalem's Beit Tamar, a home for handicapped children whose families cannot care for them, yesterday. The home was founded by ILAN, the Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children, and the Joint. (Brian Hendler)

Joint patrols under discussion

ISRAEL and the Palestinians are discussing resuming the joint patrols halted following last month's bloody clashes, security sources said, but denied reports that they would resume shortly in the Kalkilya region.

So far no formula for restarting the patrols has been reached, the sources said. But it is a matter of time before the patrols resume throughout the West Bank, they said.

Brig.-Gen. Herzl Getz, the Israeli head of the committee that deals with day-to-day security issues, met yesterday with his Palestinian counterpart, Brig.-Gen. Ziyad Atrash.

There was some progress made, but no agreement reached to resume the patrols, security sources said.

Palestinians are interested in resuming the patrols because they feel the patrols would prevent Israel from carrying out unilateral actions. Israel, however, is concerned for the safety of its troops on the patrols, since during last month's clashes border policemen were shot at by Palestinian officers, in some cases officers with whom they had patrolled. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

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Arafat begins European trip

News agencies

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Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg shows the logo for the Zionism centennial to his father, former minister Josef Burg (left) and Agency Board of Governors honorary chairman Max Fischer.

PM, Burg discuss rotating Agency, WZO chairs

THE idea of rotating the chairmanships of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency has been discussed with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, chairman Avraham Burg said yesterday. "I have been in contact with the prime minister over the rotation," Burg confirmed at a press conference in the Knesset yesterday, called to mark a session of the House devoted to 100 years of Zionism. "A consensus is necessary over the complex questions of Zionism at this point." Burg, who was elected to the chairmanship in February 1995 when Simcha Dinitz left the post to face trial, is due to end his shorter-than-usual term of office

in December of next year. The following term would end four years later, and agency sources said, if Burg continued for the first half of that term, he would be free to run in the Knesset elections in the year 2000. The Likud would reportedly consider this proposal, since the party does not have a strong candidate for the post and the large-scale reforms by Zionist bodies have reduced the chairman's power. For the fundraisers from abroad, a consensus arrangement could save headaches as well as the more than \$5 million which were spent on the 1995 election. Burg also announced that the WZO would undergo restructuring

David. Members of the fall session of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, headed by honorary chairman Max Fischer and chairman Charles Goodman, attended the Knesset celebratory session, which was addressed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Labor leader Shimon Peres. Speaking at a reception before the plenum session, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon decried the fact that the average Israeli could not recall where and when the first Zionist Congress was held. Burg warned against returning to "a shier mentality," saying this would lead to "camps and schisms" that could tear the Jewish people apart.

Liat Collins adds: "There is no nation tied to its land and there is no religion with connections as strong to Jerusalem as the Jewish religion," Netanyahu told the plenum. Netanyahu said the Jewish population must maintain its majority in Israel and called on Jews in the Diaspora to fight assimilation. Both the prime minister and Speaker Tichon stressed the Jewish right to the land. Peres said: "Zionism means returning to the land and returning to the Hebrew language. For me, Zionism also means a return to the Bible. The whole idea of Zionism is that we will rely on ourselves."

Michael Eitan invites Likud MKs to join talks with Beilin

COALITION chairman Michael Eitan told the Likud Knesset faction about his discussions with MK Yossi Beilin (Labor) on permanent arrangements with the Palestinians, describing them as a continuation of talks he held in the past with former MK Gedalya Gal and other Labor MKs. Eitan invited other faction members to join him in the talks with Labor next week. He said the opinions being expressed did not necessarily represent the Likud faction but those of individual MKs, and stressed the faction as such was not involved in the talks with Labor. He said the talks are aimed at finding a point of common agreement for the final-status arrangements. Beilin told the plenum last week

LIAT COLLINS that he was trying to define Israel's absolute "red lines" such as allowing an armed Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, as the Palestinians demand. Beilin has noted the gap between Israel and Palestinians also include the latter's call for the "right of return" for Palestinian refugees, the dismantling of settlements and a return to the 1949 armistice lines. His suggestion for bridging the gaps between the two sides calls for the creation of a demilitarized Palestinian confederation with Jordan. Its capital, called Al-Quds, would be outside Jerusalem's borders while Jerusalem would be recognized as Israel's capital. Israel would

annex the areas with large blocs of Jewish settlements. Settlements would not be dismantled but those falling under Palestinian control would be granted special security measures. MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher) said he supported the initiative by Eitan and Beilin to reach a consensus although he disagreed with some of Beilin's suggestions. MK Ze'ev Boim said he preferred to continue the process in stages rather than jump to the final arrangements. MK Ruby Rivlin said Likud MKs and Beilin would not be able to bridge their ideological differences. MK Naomi Blumenthal said the Likud should define its own stand on issues like meetings with members of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Deri must take stand in own defense
The Jerusalem District Court yesterday rejected Shas MK Aryeh Deri's argument that the prosecution in his bribery trial had not presented a case against him, and ordered the former interior minister to take the witness stand in his own defense. Deri is to be the first defense witness in the three-year-long case and is expected to testify on November 10. *Itm*

Pinhasi's immunity revoked
The Knesset House Committee yesterday unanimously agreed to the request by Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair to revoke the immunity of MK Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) so he can stand trial on corruption, forgery, breach of trust and other charges relating to the 1988 elections. Pinhasi, who has twice petitioned the High Court against the decision to try him, agreed to having his immunity lifted and was no present for the vote. The actual session last just 30 seconds. Ben-Yair had reportedly planned on presenting his case at length in an earlier meeting, but changed his mind when the session was closed to the press. *Liat Collins*

Hussein to meet Mubarak in Egypt

King Hussein of Jordan is expected to meet Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo on Friday. The meeting is part of a series of talks between the two leaders aimed at improving relations between the two countries. Mubarak is expected to arrive in Jordan on Friday for a two-day visit.

Tichon angry over film probe on office renovations

Speaker makes controversial Knesset appointments

KNESSET Speaker Dan Tichon has asked the police to investigate how a reporter and cameraman entered his office without being notified and recorded the renovation work being carried out. The extent of the renovations, which cost some NIS 119,000, was first revealed on Channel 2 news on Friday. "I have to consider how I would have acted had someone broken in to check the security arrangements, and we have to be very careful these days," Tichon said. He rejected a charge that calling in the police could stop journalists from carrying out their work. That Tichon has asked the police to investigate rather than the Knesset Guard, which

is responsible for security in the House, suggests he wants to find possible weak spots within the guard. The renovations themselves have turned into such an "item," Tichon quipped, that he is considering declaring them a tourist attraction and opening them to the public on the days there are guided tours. The work includes a new shower and bathroom, with marble walls, and refurbishing the small waiting room for VIPs. Some NIS 10,000 was spent on architectural consultation. These rooms had not been renovated since the Knesset building opened in 1966 and

LIAT COLLINS Tichon said guests, including President Ezer Weizman, had complained of the bad smell from the poor plumbing and dampness. Former Speaker Shevah Weiss denied there had been such complaints. Tichon also announced a series of new Knesset appointments, some of them controversial. Aviad Kamara, formerly coordinator of the Knesset Interior Committee, has been appointed acting treasurer, although he is not an accountant. A tender for the post will be issued later, Tichon said. National Religious Party Secretary-General Aryeh Haun was chosen by the Knesset presidium to be the new Knesset secretary,

replacing Shmuel Jacobson, who is retiring after 14 years in the position and some 40 years as a Knesset employee. Haun was the only candidate. MKs Ephraim Oshaya and Dalia Itzik (Labor) wrote to Tichon complaining about Haun's appointment, saying that they do not believe Haun is suitable for the position because of his obvious political connections. At the end of the year, the Knesset Sergeant-at-Arms Eitan Ben-Eliahu is due to retire from his NIS 35,000-a-month post. Tichon said he might combine the position with that of head of commander of the Knesset Guard, whose current incumbent, Motti Fried, is on leave before retiring.

More single, 40+ women applying to sperm bank

JUDY SIEGEL

A GROWING number of single women over 40, who want to have a baby before they become infertile, have applied to Assaf Harofeh Hospital's sperm bank. According to the hospital, until recently, most of the applicants were married couples in which the husband was infertile. Dr. Yigal Sofer, director of the sperm bank at the Tzrifin hospital, said yesterday that many of the single women who want to undergo artificial insemination "order" a father who is "intelligent, without a family history of genetic or other diseases, tall (over 1.80 meters), good looking, with blond hair and blue or green eyes." He noted that a large percentage of the single women who apply are "successful, who didn't want to compromise in the choice of the

man in their life. It seems that it is the men who lost by not marrying these women," he added, "but at 40, it's difficult to conceive - a fact that in many cases causes human drama." The growing success in in-vitro fertilization techniques that make it possible even for a barely fertile man to impregnate an ovum has reduced their representation among sperm donation applicants, leaving the unmatched women in the majority, Sofer said.

Palestinian gets life for farmer's murder

ABED Alrauf, 26, from a refugee camp near Jenin, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday by the Nazareth District Court for the 1992 murder of Shimon Avraham of Moshav Meitav. In October 1992, Alrauf and his cousin, who is being tried separately, conspired to murder a Jew for nationalist reasons. On October 15, the two took knives, hid them in their clothes, and walked from the Jenin area to the Ta'anach region, where they spotted Avraham working in his field, alone. After determining that there was no one in sight, the two jumped on Avraham when his back was turned and stabbed him 31 times, ignoring Avraham's cries for mercy. They then fled in Avraham's car towards Jenin, abandoning the car when it broke down. The judges did not accept Alrauf's claim that a confession he wrote out in his own hand had been extracted by the General Security Services through torture. *(Itm)*

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Long school day pilot project to start in January

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE government plans to introduce a long school day for certain disadvantaged pupils starting in January, the prime minister, finance, and education ministers announced yesterday at a joint press conference in Jerusalem. The plan is to be brought before the cabinet for approval at its weekly meeting on Friday. It is intended to provide additional study time for elementary school pupils in disadvantaged areas and, in some cases, also to bolster kindergarten classes in these neighborhoods. The current intention, the ministers said, is to begin a pilot project involving 15 percent of all pupils, starting in January. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year will include NIS 140 million earmarked for this purpose. Later, the plan is to be extended to additional weak sectors of the school population. It is expected to cost NIS 300m. yearly, although Treasury officials said it could run as high as NIS 400m.

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Israel has student-exchange agreements with various countries. Under agreements with the countries whose names are given below, scholarships will be given to Israeli students for use in the 1997-98 academic year for one year of studies, in the student's field.

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Please Note:
• Germany and France are publicizing their scholarships at the universities, and applications for scholarships offered by these countries should be made through the appropriate embassy.
• Some of the above countries offer scholarships for summer course in language and culture.
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- Curriculum vitae.
- Diplomas attesting completion of studies courses, including a transcript of the student's scholastic record.
- At least two recommendations from professors who knew the candidate while he was studying.
- Two photographs, exact postal address, telephone and fax numbers.
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The application and all necessary documents should be typed/printed in English, and submitted in two SEPARATE copies.

A separate application should be made for each country.
Applications should be sent to: Bureau of the Deputy Director-General for International Relations, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, Jerusalem 91911, Tel. 02-5603700, 02-5603705.

Applications which do not contain all the required documents, as detailed above, will not be submitted to the Selection Committee.
Last date for submitting applications: Tuesday, December 31, 1996.
The final decision on the awarding of scholarships will be made by the host country.

Refugees report many dead as Zaire rebels advance

BUKAVU, Zaire (Reuters) - The last foreign aid workers in the beleaguered city of Bukavu fled by plane yesterday, as refugees reaching Rwanda reported many had died in the east Zaire fighting.

In the Zairean village of Bumba in North Kivu province, Reuters cameraman Leon Malherbe saw the bodies of more than 14 men, women, and children in addition to limbs sticking out of the earth.

Zairean refugees, who fled over the Rwandan border crossing of Mutura on Sunday, told Reuters they had left behind many dead and dying in huts in Bumba just across the border.

The fighting pits Zairean troops against ethnic Tutsi rebels and has put a question mark over the future integrity of Zaire, whose President Mobutu Sese Seko has spent more than two months in Switzerland for cancer treatment.

The conflict has forced hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees in Zaire on the move. Some 420,000 are now crowded into eastern Zaire's Mugunga camp, which since the weekend has become the biggest refugee camp in the world, UN spokesman Panos Moutzias said from the Zaire town of Goma.

As the sounds of battle drew closer to Bukavu, the last seven aid workers fled by plane for Kenya, leaving journalists as some of the few foreigners in town.

The seven were from the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Belgian Red Cross, and the World Health Organization.

Aid workers in East Africa said their departure meant no other foreign aid workers remained in the troubled city.

Soon after their departure, Zairean soldiers looted the aid complex in Bukavu, carting off computers, telephones, and other equipment.

International aid agencies evacuated most of their staff on Saturday from Bukavu, the South Kivu provincial capital, under threat of attack by the advancing Banyamulenge Tutsi rebels.

The Banyamulenge, from a 300,000-strong Tutsi community that migrated from what is now Rwanda to Zaire up to 200 years ago, have already taken a string of towns south of Bukavu.

In Kigali, Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu denied providing military help to the rebels, but said he morally supports their struggle against "extermination" by Zairean authorities.

Zaire says it has been invaded by Rwandan troops.

France denied rumors circulating in African capitals that it would intervene militarily in Zaire.

"There are no French combat

troops in Zaire; there are no French military personnel anywhere near the conflict area and no plans to send any," a senior military source in Paris told Reuters.

Refugees arriving from Zaire in Rwanda told harrowing tales of slaughter.

"Many of our own people and the Rwandans were killed," said Zairean refugee Banze Kuyurwa, a father of five, who added Zairean troops had looted his home and raped his wife.

The UN World Food Program (WFP) said an estimated 700 Rwandan refugees and 3,300 Zaireans fled across the border to Rwanda on Sunday.

UN spokesman Moutzias said UNHCR estimated some 500,000 people - most of them Rwandan and Burundian refugees - had been uprooted by more than a week of fighting.

The line of camps stretches over about 250 km. in the extreme east of Zaire facing both Rwanda and Burundi.

A total of 200,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees emptied Kibumba camp over the weekend after an attack in which four refugees were killed, according to aid workers.

For the Hutu refugees, a return to Rwanda which they fled two years ago would be a gamble. Many are afraid of reprisals for the genocide of Rwandan Tutsis in 1994 by Hutus.



Cairo rescue workers search for survivors on top of the rubble of the 11-story apartment block in the Heliopolis suburb of the Egyptian capital yesterday. (Reuters)

Ten die, over 100 missing in Cairo apartment block collapse

CAIRO (Reuters) - Egyptian rescue workers have recovered 10 bodies and fear over 100 people are dead after the collapse of a Cairo apartment block which authorities yesterday said had been illegally heightened.

The 11-story building, located two blocks from the home of President Hosni Mubarak, caved in on its residents in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis on Sunday evening.

Rescue workers - who have pulled 21 people from the ruins - continued to search the mountain of rubble, but hope of finding more survivors has dwindled.

"Unless a heavenly miracle happens, it's impossible to find any survivors," Dr. Mahmoud Sharawi said.

A medical team had to amputate a man's legs, which were wedged beneath a wall, before they could extricate him. He died later in hospital and most of the survivors are in critical condition, doctors said.

Bulldozers removed concrete slabs and steel bars, baring arms, legs, and other body parts.

The Interior Ministry said in a statement prosecutors are questioning the owner of the building, Raouf Wissa Ibrahim, for illegally adding five stories after getting permission to build one more floor.

The porter of the building also said he thought renovation work in one of the 40 apartments might have affected the structure and caused the collapse.

Dr. Sayed Mohammed told Reuters at the scene that rescuers need at least two more days to recover all the bodies from the huge heap of concrete chunks and steel reinforcement rods.

"It's going to take two days, maybe even three days, just to get everybody out... this building has the Cairo Scan x-ray and radiology clinic and there were a lot of people doing

scans there. No one knows how many are underneath," Mohammed said.

Only a corner of the 25-year-old building is standing.

Ambulances and a heavy crane were parked at the base of the ruins, a surreal burial ground scattered with personal effects like record albums, refrigerators, and handbags.

"All of a sudden we heard a sound like a bomb and then dust. Then we heard what sounded like people crying for help," Magdi Abdel Foutouh, who lives in the neighboring block, told Reuters.

Soaring Cairo real estate prices have often pushed landlords to add extra floors to their properties illegally.

Several buildings have collapsed beneath the extra weight and recent earthquakes have also taken their toll on poorly constructed buildings in the crowded city.

Bank of Portugal denies it laundered Nazi gold

LISBON (Reuters) - The Bank of Portugal yesterday confirmed a magazine report that it had received gold from Nazi Germany, but rejected the implication it had laundered or hidden stolen assets.

"There is nothing that would implicate the Bank of Portugal in any laundering operation," a central bank spokesman told Reuters when asked to confirm the article in the November 4 edition of *Newsweek*.

The US magazine said that, while the Swiss may have borne the blame for laundering Nazi gold, other countries were involved in moving and hiding assets stolen mainly from Jews and keeping them from their rightful owners afterwards.

It said Portugal might have been the recipient of the largest amount of stolen gold which had not been accounted for.

The bank spokesman said: "During the Second World War our [gold] reserves did grow but this was because we were selling goods and services, such as wolfram which is used in explosives, to Germany. They had no proper currency with which to pay so we took gold."

Asked if the gold might have been stolen from Jews, he said: "How could you tell? Gold has no race."

Bulgarian Socialists suffer worst-ever election defeat

SOFIA (Reuters) - Bulgaria's ruling ex-communists suffered the worst defeat in their history in weekend presidential polls, losing a million votes from an electorate weary of economic crisis, preliminary results showed yesterday.

With 85 percent of results counted, the 6.75 million voters of this former Soviet satellite gave opposition candidate Petar Stoyanov a clear - though not decisive - lead.

Stoyanov was leading with 43.77 percent of the vote, according to the electoral commission. With his Socialist rival Ivan Marazov trailing second with 27.4%.

Final results are due tomorrow. Since neither gained an absolute majority, the two front-runners now face a deciding round on November 3, which Stoyanov has predicted he will win.

"This result is a vote of no confidence in the Bulgarian government," Stoyanov, a 44-year-old lawyer, told reporters. He said that if elected he would work towards bringing Bulgaria close to NATO and the European Union.

Sunday's estimated turnout of 60% was much lower than the 75% recorded for the 1994 parliamentary election, and analysts said the

Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP) also lost votes to protest candidates like George Ganchev of the Bulgarian Business Bloc, who polled 22.8%.

"The overwhelming victory of the united opposition arose from the disintegration of the traditional Socialist electorate," said Andrei Raichev of Gallup. "The BSP lost one million of its voters. Part of them voted for Ganchev and the others did not vote at all."

After Communist leader Todor Zhivkov was toppled in 1989, his former party colleagues hastily renamed themselves Socialists and stunned the rest of Europe by winning parliamentary elections in 1990.

Yesterday's newspapers described Stoyanov's lead as a stinging blow to the Socialist government.

"There is no winner but we know who the loser is," said *Trud*, while *Kontinent* noted: "The BSP has lost elections before, but never by such a wide margin."

The government of Prime Minister Zhan Videnov has a secure majority in parliament, where real power lies, but analysts expect the latest result to widen splits within the Socialists and increase pressure for an early parliamentary election.

Yeltsin cancels all meetings as he preapres for surgery

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin yesterday canceled all meetings for this week because of unspecified medical tests, during what his spokesman called "the final stage of preparations" for heart surgery.

Yeltsin also ordered his former bodyguard and one-time close friend to be relieved of his military duties because of what the president said were "slanderous statements" about him and his family.

Among other things, Alexander Korzhakov had said Yeltsin is too sick to govern, and is being manipulated by his daughter and chief of staff.

Yeltsin's aides have insisted that he is fully in charge, and that even when he is not meeting with people, he does paperwork and speaks on the telephone.

Yeltsin spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky told a Kremlin news conference that Yeltsin's doctors had recommended complete rest while he undergoes the tests. He said even the president's weekly meeting with the prime minister would be canceled.

"The preparations have entered their final stage," Yastrzhembsky said. "Everything is proceeding as normal."

Yeltsin had been holding almost daily meetings at a government health resort outside Moscow while awaiting multiple heart bypass surgery, expected to take place sometime between mid-November and mid-December. He was last seen

in state television news footage Friday, meeting with the mayor of Moscow.

"On the recommendation of his doctors, all the president's meetings have been canceled," the spokesman said.

It was not clear what kind of tests were involved, but the spokesman indicated there was no change in the president's health.

While absent from the Kremlin, Yeltsin has issued frequent decrees. Yesterday morning, he relieved Korzhakov of his military duties.

Korzhakov, a lieutenant general in the state security services, wielded enormous behind-the-scenes power before being fired as Yeltsin's personal security chief in June. He has since emerged as a key player in Kremlin power struggles, and threatened to reveal incriminating evidence against unspecified officials.

Korzhakov has called on Yeltsin to resign because of ill health. He accuses the president's younger daughter, Tatyana, and chief of staff Anatoly Chubais of wielding the true power in Russia.

Yeltsin's decree accused Korzhakov of "a series of slanderous statements concerning the Russian president and members of his family," and of releasing confidential information and trying to discredit top state officials.

Yeltsin said Korzhakov "crudely violated his duties as a serviceman, as well as ethical standards, and stained the honor

of a Russian officer."

Korzhakov's office did not immediately comment.

Tensions between Korzhakov and Chubais, a skilled political survivor who gained prominence as an architect of economic reforms, sharpened in June after the first round of Yeltsin's re-election campaign.

When Korzhakov's people arrested two campaign workers, Chubais - who was heading the campaign - used the incident to depose him.

Korzhakov had for years been Yeltsin's constant companion. Yeltsin's wife, Naina, said after Korzhakov's dismissal that it was like losing a member of the family.

Korzhakov's toughest accusations so far have targeted Chubais, rather than Yeltsin himself.

"I worked with Boris Nikolayevich for 11 years," he told a news conference earlier this month. "I've seen a lot and I know a lot: How people climbed up the ladder, the intrigues, the wild parties, a lot of things that happened abroad."

Under Russia's constitution, the prime minister would take over if the president dies or is seriously incapacitated. Elections would have to be held within three months.

Yeltsin has said he will temporarily transfer his powers to Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin during his operation. Asked yesterday if the time had come for the transfer, Yeltsin's spokesman said, "So far it doesn't mean that."

Malta voters elect Labor, reject EU membership

VALLETTA (Reuters) - In a remarkable upset election victory for the Labor Party, sealed yesterday, the people of Malta rejected European Union membership and the Mediterranean island's VAT taxation system imposed to meet Europe's rules.

Labor leader Alfred Sant, 48, was sworn in as prime minister by President Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, a former minister of the Nationalist Party, which was defeated in Saturday's general election after nine years in power.

Official results after a record turnout of 97 percent from the nearly 275,000 electorate gave Labor 50.72%.

This was a majority of more than 7,600 votes over the Nationalists, who had been returned with a record 13,000-vote majority in the last election in 1992 and promised to take Malta into the EU.

Under Sant's leadership, Malta can be expected to forge closer ties with North Africa, including Libya, with whom it traditionally has close relations.

"We want a special relationship with Europe, but I argue that you start with your neighbors," Sant told Reuters earlier, adding that he wanted friendly relations with Libya, although Malta would adhere to UN sanctions imposed on Tripoli over the Lockerbie aircraft bombing.

His party's policy was "two basic orientations... the European and Mediterranean directions."

Labor's manifesto promises "an active endeavour for peace and friendship between Mediterranean countries." But it accepts Malta has "deep political, commercial and cultural ties" with Europe.

Except for VAT and pulling out of NATO's Partnership for Peace Program, Sant is not expected to roll back many of the changes already introduced under ousted prime minister Edward Fenech Adami's preparations for EU membership.

"In the longer term, Labor has commitments with Europe and there will be a need for many discussions between Malta and the EU to have the close relationship Sant talks about," said one foreign political analyst. "They [Labor] are also committed to have Malta as a financial center and will want to maintain the confidence of the financial community."

Tens of thousands of Labor supporters streamed on Monday to Palace Square outside the 17th-century presidential palace for the swearing-in ceremony.

A forest of red, and red and white, party flags waved to blasts from gas aerosol-activated horns, cheers, and chants as the Labor leader's car arrived, a passage being forced through the crowd by police and party aides.

TALKS

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have the right to engagement then fine, we accept the agreement. But what about the other 20 parts? They want to be selective. Forget it."

Erekat said the Palestinians would not agree to joint hot pursuit either, but in the case of a terror attack then the joint mobile units would be brought into operation. "What else are they for?" he asked.

On opening Shuhada (Martyrs) Street (the kilometer-long road named King David Street by the residents of Beit Hadassah is sealed off at both ends by an army post. No Arab cars are allowed through and pedestrians are checked).

"There must be no barriers. It is impossible to suffocate a whole city for a few hundred settlers, and you know what they are like," Erekat said.

On arming the Palestinian Police: Erekat said the Palestinians would not agree to Israel's demand to keep the rifles in police stations.

The agreement says they are to be used for the protection of the police stations, but Erekat said they should be used "exactly as they are in other West Bank towns," where they are deployed freely inside area A.

On opening the retail market next to the Avraham Avinu quarter, which settlers claim is stolen Jewish property: Palestinians say it all belongs to the Wakf and may have been leased to Jews, but by now should revert to the Wakf. The government wants it reopened as a wholesale market, to limit the number visitors to the market.

In addition, Erekat deplored Israel's attitude toward the Palestinian negotiators. Mahmoud Abbas, Arafat's deputy, as well as Yasser Abed-Rabbo were "kept waiting for more than an hour at the Erez checkpoint" by IDF soldiers before being allowed to proceed to Indyk's home.

Batsheva Tsur contributed to this report.

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Seven spectators were taken to Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon, where they were treated for light injuries and released.

Kadourie arrived after the incident and pronounced a blessing on the town's residents. He lauded them for helping to perform "a very important and

rare mitzva, which not many people observe today."

Since the destruction of the Temple, the suspension of the sacrificial system has meant the redemption of first-born animals has fallen into disuse, although the biblical laws governing the practice are still studied. (Itim)

BOY

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father, Sa'er, who mostly lives in Jerusalem where he works.

Settlers in Hadar Betar and Betar said yesterday that Jewish-owned cars driving near Husan, where the incident took place, are frequently the targets of rock-throwing attacks.

"I can feel my heart pumping when I pass near that village," Hadar Betar resident Eitan Bar-Noy told Channel 1's *Mabat* evening news yesterday.

"I am afraid of where the rock will come from. A rock is not something trivial. It could come through the windshield, and the car could flip over as a result. A rock, even thrown by a 10-year-old child, can kill," he said.

Yehuda Gerlitz, head of the Betar Local Council, said he does not see anything wrong with "the person in charge of security taking the initiative and deciding to bring [rock throwers] to justice, to the police or the IDF." He speculated that what happened in this incident, which he termed "tragic," was that the boy - as he was running away - fell on a rock.

Meanwhile, an army jeep overturned when it came under a hail of stones thrown by Palestinian youths on the bypass road around Husan yesterday. Four soldiers were injured, settlers said. Other soldiers responded with tear gas and rubber bullets until the crowd that had gathered dispersed.

In the village, one man rose from among the men in mourning and denounced "the Jews on

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our land," "Netanyahu's politics," and the trouble caused by "the bullets of the Jews." The men listened, but did not respond.

The violent death of a child is a difficult blow to bear, but in Shoushit's case it has apparently been a double blow. His two-year-old sister suffers from genetic defects affecting her physical development and she was to have received a bone marrow transplant from Hilmi, the most compatible donor among her six siblings. Now her life is considered lost, since her twin sister died several months ago from the same disease.

"His death kills two," Sa'er Shoushit said after the autopsy report was announced.

The presence of hereditary disease led the pathologists not to rule out that Hilmi may have suffered from heart problems which could have contributed to his death after falling or being hit.

LIAT COLLINS adds:

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid is demanding Korman be held until the end of any proceedings against him. Sarid described the death as "shocking."

Moshe Shahal (Labor) said the death of a child should be condemned by all.

The Hadassah faction issued a statement expressing "shock and disgust" and blaming the government for creating the atmosphere in which acts of violence by the far Right could take place.

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Prescription for economic disaster

BANK of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's decision to lower interest rates by only 0.3 percent has raised a predictable outcry from all quarters. The Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association, in a rare moment of agreement, have joined to denounce the cut as insufficient, and in an equally rare moment of unity, MKs from all parts of the political spectrum have done the same.

Virtually the only sane response has come from Finance Minister Dan Meridor, who, though he has made no secret of the fact that he would have liked a deeper cut, is sticking to his oft-repeated position that it is not his place to tell Frenkel how to handle monetary policy.

In point of fact, Frenkel's high interest rate policy has so far had considerable success. Inflation, which had been running at a destructive rate of about 1.1% a month between August 1995 and June 1996 - the equivalent of an annual rate of about 14% - was only 0.3%-0.4% a month during the third quarter of the year. This is equivalent to an annual rate of about 5% - still slightly high by Western standards, but far better than anything Israel has achieved in the past 25 years.

Furthermore, this reduced inflation rate has been achieved without inducing a recession. Growth is expected to be between 3.5% and 4% this year - lower than the 6%-7% a year Israel has enjoyed for the past few years, but still a rate which most industrialized nations would envy.

The most recent Central Bureau of Statistics figures even indicate that growth, which had been slowing for several months, recently began picking up again. The index of industrial production rose 4% in August, after having grown by only 2%-3% a month from April through July; exports were up 7% in September, after having grown 3%-5% a month from March through August; imports of investment goods, which have been falling since March, rose again in September, and imports of industrial inputs, which had been falling since January, rose in both August and September.

The success or failure of Frenkel's policy in the short term, however, is almost beside the point. The real point is that the long-term health of the economy depends on monetary policy remaining strictly in the central bank's hands.

As Meridor told the Knesset this June, there are numerous studies which demonstrate a high correlation between the independence of the central bank and the economy's long-term health.

The reasons for this are obvious. First, the central bank has the advantage of making decisions without the short-term pressures which affect most other major players in the economy. Unlike the government, it does not have to sat-

isfy a constituency, win an election, or offer candy to fractious MKs to ensure their support on other issues. Unlike the industrialists, it is not concerned with next quarter's balance sheets and how it will explain lackluster results to the board. Unlike the Histadrut, it can look beyond next month's overdrafts.

Equally important, however, is that divisions of power and checks and balances help to prevent mistakes from getting out of control. As Meridor noted, this is classic democratic theory: There is no doubt, for instance, that Labor's irresponsible fiscal policies over the past four years would have caused even greater damage had they not been partially offset by the Bank of Israel's tight monetary policy. Then finance minister Avraham Shohat made it clear that had he been given the choice, interest rates would have been much lower, and inflation would consequently probably have been even higher than it has been for most of the past year.

In light of all this, the repeated bipartisan initiatives in the Knesset to reduce the central bank's independence - which have mustered the support of even some of the most normally level-headed MKs - are both puzzling and worrying. A little over a year ago, then Finance Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) and then head of the opposition in the committee Dan Tichon (Likud) co-sponsored a bill to require the central bank's credit policy be approved by an advisory board consisting of two central bank representatives, three academics appointed by the cabinet, a representative of the industrialists, and a representative of the banks. Since the banks, the business community, and the Treasury all have a clear interest in cheap money, it is not hard to see that such a board would mean the end of any hopes for monetary restraint.

This bill was buried by the early elections and the consequent premature closure of the Knesset in March, but like the hydra, cutting off its head was not enough to kill it. This past July, a similar bill was submitted by Shohat, Meir Sheerit (Likud), and Avraham Poraz (Meretz). This bill would require monetary policy to be approved by a five-member committee, consisting of two central bank representatives, one Treasury representative, one "outstanding economic figure" chosen by the cabinet, and one academic chosen by the Council of Higher Education. While this configuration is slightly less stacked in favor of easy money than was the Gal-Tichon bill, it still effectively eliminates the Bank of Israel's independence.

Since the Knesset has only just resumed after a lengthy summer recess, it is too soon to know what the fate of this bill will be. It is to be hoped, however, that the good sense evinced by Meridor will win the day. Anything else would be disastrous for the economy.



How the French did it

WHILE Jacques Chirac's visit to Jerusalem might have caused some resentment, Israel has much to learn from France about conflict resolution.

LILY POLLIACK
freedoms, and fulfillment in good faith of obligations under international law.

did not materialize; neither did the fear that Western Europe would have to close its border to Eastern Europeans in fortress-like fashion to prevent them from migrating westwards en masse in search of work and liberty.

After all, France and its eastern neighbor Germany went to war three times over issues of national self-determination, issues that are not very different from those currently being thrashed out between Israel and the Palestinians.

The Franco-German model for conflict resolution could be of great value to a more open-minded Israel

The borders of Europe are open. People and goods and capital circulate freely, cooperation and joint economic ventures are up, military budgets are down, promoting a general atmosphere of promise and prosperity.

They went through periodic attempts at settling old accounts by force, ultimately to no avail. Some other recourse had to be found if the French and the Germans were to live in peace.

Declaration of Principles with the Palestinians. Indeed, the 1994 peace treaty between Israel and Jordan, officially "recognizes the achievements of the European Community and European Union in the development of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and "commits" Jordan and Israel "to the creation in the Middle East of a CSCME (Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Middle East)." [Article 4 lb of the 1994 peace treaty between Jordan and Israel.]

At its heart, lie Germany and France. They are the propelling force upon which the European peace is based, so much so that today war between France and Germany doesn't only strike one as inconceivable, but impossible.

Chirac knows Franco-German history. He knows what it's like to feel threatened by one's neighbor, what it's like to go to war with one's neighbor. But he also knows how the French and Germans ultimately resolved their differences - so successfully that today war between France and Germany is truly history.

MY RECENT visits to France and Germany, as well as to Poland, increased my confidence in a peaceful future for Europe. None of the doomsday predictions so popular at the end of the Cold War about what would happen in an Eastern Europe freed from Soviet totalitarian, communist control actually came true.

I have every confidence that just as the French and Germans ultimately transcended their old controversies and came to live together side by side reconciled in a lasting peace, so shall we find peace here at home with our Arab neighbors.

With this view in mind, the Franco-German model for conflict resolution, based upon the guiding principles that laid the foundations of European security and cooperation, requires a closer look.

The specter of economic collapse bringing with it social violence and dictatorial government

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Chirac doesn't have a clue

I WAS French President Charles de Gaulle who, in a single, sweeping, ill-considered diplomatic move, managed to do away with any chance France ever had of playing a significant role in the Middle East peace process.

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF
required of them, they were there. Mediation isn't a job for an inflated ego that places honor over sense.

Israel remaining in control of this Arab city of over 110,000 Moslem inhabitants. What I can't understand is how those who maintain otherwise believe that 400 fanatic Jews representing the insane fringe of the Israeli right, who reject any form of coexistence with the Arabs and refuse to acknowledge that the Arab inhabitants of Hebron have any sort of rights, who seem totally oblivious to the dangers of a non-conventional war in the Middle East; who believe that Baruch Goldstein was the victim of murder rather than the perpetrator of a slaughter, that Yigal Amir did the right thing and that Yitzhak Rabin brought his assassination on himself are an effective means for securing long-term Israeli and Jewish interests in the city of the patriarchs.

War de Gaulle announced a complete arms embargo on Israel, since it was Israel who technically fired the first shot. De Gaulle, who felt extremely self-righteous about his move, added insult to injury when on November 27, 1967, in response to Israel's angry reaction to his decision, he described the Jews as "an elitist people, self-assured and domineering."

France needs to study the ABC of mediation before pushing itself into the peace process

It's as if the Arabs demanded their right to live in Safed (where Arabs have lived from time immemorial) then tried to realize their claim by insisting that this right be realized by 40 Palestinian families openly associated with the Islamic Jihad and physically protected by Jibril Rajoub's men.

Little Norway seemed to grasp what de Gaulle failed to understand in 1967 and President Jacques Chirac doesn't seem to grasp today. A peacemaker cannot be effective unless he enjoys all-round trust. Clearly that is impossible if he shows contempt for one side.

visit to the Knesset proved the man understands nothing about the Israeli reality. When Moledet MK Rehavam Ze'evi demonstratively walked out of the Knesset plenum as the Frenchman walked in, Chirac reportedly asked whether Ze'evi represented a party from the... And I'm sure Chirac missed the point when Coalition Chairman Michael Eitan, greeting him in the Knesset, remarked pointedly that in Hebrew Jacques is Jacob, one of the three Patriarchs, and that Jacob, who was also named Israel, lies buried in Hebron.

There is no reason why, in a situation of peace, Jews - even thousands of them - shouldn't be able to live in Hebron, just as there is no reason why Palestinians shouldn't be able to live in Safed.

Norway achieved what it did in the Oslo talks not because its foreign affairs experts had different views from their French counterparts, but because its politicians and diplomats understood one thing about successful facilitation and mediation: that their own opinions on how a conflict should be resolved were unimportant.

THE MENTION of Hebron should remind us that it isn't just the French who seem to have difficulty coordinating their actions with their goals. I believe that Israel can survive without Jews living in Hebron or

De Gaulle shouldn't have said what he said about the Jews back in 1967. But why do we keep insisting on proving him right? The question is which Jews, which Palestinians, and on what basis.

What was required of them was to provide the setting, make the introductions, then melt away when the sides seemed to be doing okay on their own. When anything more was

THE WRITER is a political scientist.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EXPLOSIVE QUESTION

Sir, - The issue is not "redeployment" in Hebron, nor access to an archeological site in Jerusalem, nor where the PLO will host foreign dignitaries. The issue is whether Israel can prevent a Palestinian state in the West Bank. Every move by either side is fueled by that explosive question.

APPALLING CONCLUSION

Sir, - In reporting on the incident in which he was stoned by an Arab youth, your correspondent Abraham Rabinovich (October 11) draws a conclusion which is appalling in its implications. He writes "I had [no] grievance against those who put [me] in the hospital" and "the youth with the big rock was doing his thing the way I was doing mine and the soldiers who helped me were doing theirs. I do not assign wickedness to political opponents even if they try to kill me. I do assign it to fanatics... who are unwilling to acknowledge the same measure of human grace in the other as they do in themselves."

Hebron is especially important because it is also the economic and social center for a vast surrounding region of smaller Arab towns in which some of the most dangerous and violent gangs operate. Withdrawing the IDF from Hebron, therefore, threatens the safety of every Jew living in and near the surrounding area, as well as those traveling through.

Mr. Rabinovich does not see rock throwing with the intent to injure and kill as an unwillingness to acknowledge human grace in a political opponent. Further, he equates rock throwing with the medical assistance provided by the soldiers and his own work as a correspondent. He thus legitimizes political violence. Taken to the logical conclusion, if rock throwing is not wicked, then neither is assassination. It is simply someone "doing his thing" in his political opponent with a gun instead of a rock.

WORST SOLUTION

Sir, - Yosef Goell (October 18) seems to think that closing Bar-Ilan Street in exchange for public transportation elsewhere is a good solution. I find it morally wrong and worse.

ECONOMISTS

Sir, - Is not the governor of the Bank of Israel's U-turn over the Brodet Report a classic illustration of the best definition of an economist? "An economist is someone who will tell you tomorrow why what he said yesterday does not apply today."

But more important, the issue of public activity (in this case, transportation) on the Sabbath is not a private issue relevant only to particular groups of litigants. What next, army units with non-kosher food? Learning Radio 3 broadcast on Yom Kippur?

For the sake of our children, let us hope that Friedland succeeds in conveying to the prospective teachers in bar classes the responsibility, the honor and the excitement of being a teacher.

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Jerusalem film buffs take heart from Lev opening

JERUSALEM'S historic Smadar cinema, located on Lloyd George Street just off increasingly hip Emek Refaim, will officially be reopened this Thursday by Mayor Ehud Olmert and Lia van Leer, founder and manager of the Jerusalem Cinematheque. Some might be surprised by Olmert's participation given that the cinema will be open seven days a week and that depends on hardy allies at city hall. It will be known as the Lev Smadar, having been purchased by Shani Films, which already has four "Lev" outlets in Tel Aviv.

Its reopening will be widely welcomed by Jerusalem cinema enthusiasts, as "neighborhood" cinemas - of which there were several only a decade ago - are now scarce in the capital.

Instead of going to the cinema via shopping at the mall, cinema-goers will

be able to create their own evening, combining a film with a visit to the array of cafes, restaurants, ice-cream parlors and waffle houses that now permeate Emek Refaim. Lev Smadar has already been attracting good audiences in its pre-opening period over the last three months. A new cafe, also called Lev Smadar, will open in the theater forecourt on Thursday.

Shani intends to show artistic but popular films, rather than big-budget blockbusters.

"I'm very happy they're reopening," says Van Leer, who is also a founder of the Israel Film Archives and the Jerusalem Film Festival. "I'm concerned that people should come and see films on the big screen, in the presence of an audience. Watching videos in the comfort of your home might be nice sometimes, but it's not the art of film. The

more cinemas the better."

Built in 1928, it is now the oldest surviving cinema in Jerusalem. Originally known as the Orient Cinema, it was popular with British troops. It has been called Smadar since the 1950s.

Neither Van Leer nor Shani Films believe Smadar will pose any kind of threat to the Cinematheque. "We will complement, not compete with the Cinematheque. Our aim is to increase rather than share the overall cinema audience," said a spokesman for Shani Films.

"We are proud to have a new cultural establishment that can present cinema in the right form, as art and entertainment together," says Yaro Kaffori, director of Shani Films in Tel Aviv. "This kind of cinema exists in all major cities around

the world. The Lev cinemas are the equivalent." Kaffori says he is confident the Lev Smadar in Jerusalem will be as successful as its outlets in Tel Aviv are.

Nevertheless, some will no doubt question whether a new 250-seat cinema, located in one of the most expensive corners of the capital, showing films that have a limited audience, and (unlike the Cinematheque) not in a position to receive any kind of state or municipal subsidy, can be profitable. The previous owner closed down Smadar only a year ago following persistent loss-making.

"The difference between us and them," says a spokesman for Shani Films, "is that we have our own distribution network, that allows us to show new films before they have aired elsewhere. Before it shut down last year the cinema showed

old films or new films that had already been shown elsewhere around the country."

So Mike Leigh's highly acclaimed new film, *Secret and Lies*, winner of this year's Palmes d'Or award at the Cannes Film Festival, which will be the opening presentation on Thursday, will not be shown in other commercial cinemas until January.

On top of this Smadar has undergone an extensive refurbishment. New armchairs and a high-quality sound system have been installed, as well as air conditioning in summer and heating in winter. The theater has also been repainted.

"It was very nice to come to a nostalgic cinema, but not when you had to sit on cold wooden seats," said one young fan.

Each week Smadar will show five films in different time slots. The other

PJ Harvey makes a lousy point

IN TUNE
DAVID BRINN

Dance Hall at Lonshe Point
JOHN PARISH
and POLLY JEAN HARVEY
(Helicon)

Eventually
PAUL WESTERBERG
(Hed Arzi)

THIS collaboration between PJ Harvey and her bandmate John Parish leaves me cold and confused.

Harvey is one of the most acclaimed artists of the '90s, having released three raw, emotional albums full of brutally honest songs about love and hate. At her best she combines the structure of blues with the aggression of punk to make riveting, uncompromising music.

This new work finds her providing the lyrics and vocals to band member's John Parish's songs and instrumentation.

If you're a fan of Harvey's, this may well be a satisfying disc, but I found that despite its obvious passion, it's too over the top. Dissonance, soft moments juxtaposed with industrial clanging and a stark, dark mood all contribute to a jarring, difficult listening experience.

Harvey's vocals sometimes rise to the pitch only observant dogs will pick up.

Over time, fragments of melodies and lyrics begin to seep through the consciousness, especially the plaintive "That Was My Veil."

Also on the plus side, a cover of the old Peggy Lee hit "Is That All There Is" is given a warped and eerie treatment.

But overall, this disc requires a lot of concentration, and frankly, you shouldn't have to work so hard to enjoy music.



PJ Harvey's lyrics and John Parish's music do not make for easy listening.

'Coppelia': The doll comes to life

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

SENSATIONAL production of the classic ballet *Coppelia* by Magi Maran and the Lyon Opera Ballet is to open the international dance series at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center on November 6.

Coppelia, with the music of Delibes, is a story of a toy maker whose doll comes to life. It is based on the mythological Pygmalion legend in general, and more specifically on a story by the renowned 19th-century romantic E.T.A. Hoffmann.

Known for her unique dance language and for the intriguing new works she creates for her company, choreographer Magi Maran also reinterprets the classics. She first did it with *Cinderella*, then came *The Seven Deadly Sins*, which is not that classic but still a story ballet, and now *Coppelia*. "I try to see if in the piece from the past there is something that can be analyzed with the eyes of today. In *Coppelia* it's that fascination of men with puppets which still exists today. In fact *Coppelia* is a story about Barbie dolls coming alive."

Maran needed four months to create *Coppelia* and she will see the show in Israel. But, she says, "I don't have any time to rehearse it with them, maybe just to give very minor corrections at the last moment." And she is not 100 percent happy with the piece. "I'm not happy with the type of work," she comments, "because it's not a real process of creation. Finally, I'm happy with what we did but it's very strange to take something that already exists with a company that is not yours. It's fabricated, it's like

breathing life into a dead thing."

Coppelia is quite different from the quintessential Maran opus. "With my company I always start with a white page. The idea to do *Coppelia* came from the Lyon Opera which is fine but it is not really mine. And so by now I have shown myself and the world that I can do the classics too, but I'm not going to do any more of them. It doesn't interest me any longer."

Maran admits that in recent years she has somewhat changed as a choreographer. "I'm less afraid these days, and I pay much more attention to the process than to the end result." Yet she finds it difficult to explain her own style. "It's obviously contemporary dance, it's not classical ballet... it's simply moving the body in different ways. It's contemporary in the sense that we try to find a way of moving that we are not used to."

Talking about the overall state of dance today, Maran asserts that the situation is quite difficult "because in our society, art in general and dance in particular are not that important. Politics are much more in the headlines, and politicians are not interested in art."

"France helps its artists more than other countries but still there is not enough funds. People seem to put more money into the type of art which you can put in museums, but the place of art is outside of social life and not museums which glorify the past," which in a nutshell is what the story of *Coppelia* and Maran's production of it are all about - the relationship between the artist, the art he creates and the society he creates in.

Americans pass the Bacon

PENNY STARR

THERE'S a great new game for movie buffs. CNN Entertainment described it as "a cultural phenomenon taking the nation by storm." It's a kind of Celebrity Connect the Dots and it's sweeping across America like a fire in Malibu. At the Film School of the University of Southern California they're totally hooked.

The game's called Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon and anyone can play.

The idea is to connect Kevin Bacon to another actor in six moves or less. For example, Cher to Kevin Bacon is just two moves: She was in *The Witches of Eastwick* with Jack Nicholson, Jack Nicholson was in *A Few Good Men* with Kevin Bacon.

The three inventors of the game, Craig Fass, Mike Gianelli and Brian Turtle, came up with the idea

should have been over 20 years ago.

One of the few alumni from Woodstock who appeared at the 1994 debacle, Cocker has been smart enough to surround himself by talented studio whizzes and producers who have located appropriate material for his ravaged voice and insulated him in adult contemporary musical surroundings.

Organic finds him in the Midas hands of Don Was, who has taken many stars on the downswing, (Bonnie Raitt, The Rolling Stones) and boosted them back to the major leagues.

Was has come up with a unique approach - herd a bunch of famous session musicians into a studio for five days and recreate some of Cocker's best-known cover songs.

This could be a first - an artist covering himself doing cover versions of others' songs.

Despite the dubious concept, the result is largely enjoyable, with understated treatments of Van Morrison's "Into the Mystic," Leon Russell's "Delta Lady" and John Sebastian's "Darlin' Be Home Soon."

When in doubt, the band turns to a reggae backing, like on "Doo!" Let me Be Misunderstood." Other oldies redone include "You Can Leave Your Hat On" and "You Are So Beautiful."

If you're looking for a good overview of Cocker's post-Grease Band work, this will do fine.

organization War Child which benefits young victims of the war in Bosnia.

Spearheaded by opera legend Luciano Pavarotti, the event paired him with a diverse cross-section of pop royalty including Eric Clapton, Elton John, Liza Minnelli and Joan Osborne.

If one thing is made clear from the four-song sampler and video promo Helicon sent out, it's that opera and pop don't mix.

The songs - featuring just the popsters, like the slow and sexy duet between Pavarotti and offstage partners Eric Clapton and Sheryl Crow, "Run, Baby Run," work fine, but Clapton's "Holy Mother" is overtaken by Pavarotti's amazing tenor.

Buy this for the charity aspect, not for the musical one. It's like putting mayonnaise on your peanut-butter sandwich.

A German fairy tale short on evil

OPERA REVIEW
URY EPPSTEIN

WEBER'S *Freischütz*, was provided a welcome, early Romantic change of pace at the New Israeli Opera. It contained all the ingredients of a German fairy tale: fantasy, naivete, the dark forces of evil and rural hickory.

The female heroines, played by Elizabeth Whitehouse and Anja Kampe, stole the show from the male leads.

Albert Bonnema's strained, pale tenor voice did not do justice to the ardent though confused lord, Max. And Monte Jaffe's bass-baritone lacked the blackness required for the evil Kaspar. Instead, he came off as comic. Baritone Johannes Martin Krauszlein, in the minor role of Outokar, displayed more personality and vocal substance than

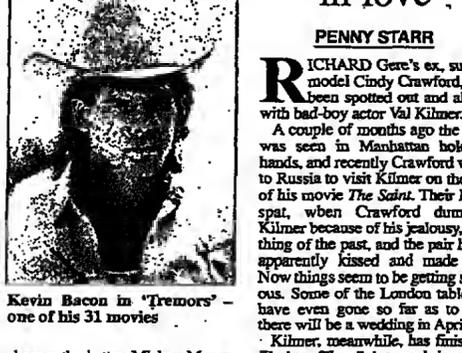
Supermodel in love

PENNY STARR

RICHARD Gere's ex, supermodel Cindy Crawford, has been spotted out and about with bad-boy actor Val Kilmer.

A couple of months ago the pair was seen in Manhattan holding hands, and recently Crawford went to Russia to visit Kilmer on the set of his movie *The Saint*. Their little spat, when Crawford dumped Kilmer because of his jealousy, is a thing of the past, and the pair have apparently kissed and made up. Now things seem to be getting serious. Some of the London tabloids have even gone so far as to say there will be a wedding in April.

Kilmer, meanwhile, has finished filming *The Saint*, and is now working on a movie called *The Ghost and Darkness*. But he took



Kevin Bacon in 'Tremors' - one of his 31 movies



Cindy Crawford traveled to Russia to be with Val Kilmer.

A finely crafted barrel of laughs

THEATER REVIEW
NAOMI DOUDAI

"Peanut" by Tim Hibberd. Director Ben Meehan. Design Abi Brown. The Refects Theatre Company. At the Jerusalem Khan and other venues.

PEASOUP, according to the program definition, is "fast, funny, foggy and difficult to eat with a beard." In performance it is all that and more. An explosion of belly-aching fun played by three highly gifted and versatile comedians, it takes off from a tight and well-turned text in a flow of uninterrupted physical felicities and perfect timing.

A loony, daffy lampoon of Victorian music-hall melodrama, it conjures up that almost forgotten genre complete with humping villain (David Alison), irredeemable heroine (Ann Farrar), and of course the all-conquering, sanctimonious hero (Tim Hibberd).

Apart from the laughs and eye-catching capers of the talented trio, the show is striking for the old-time style and panache that

Camerata's contrasting requiems

CONCERT REVIEW

IN its season's opening, the Israel Camerata, conducted by Avner Birn, presented two requiems: a long-forgotten piece by Zelenka, performed locally for the first time, and one by Mozart.

This juxtaposition served to highlight the dramatic-operatic qualities of Mozart's work - its melodic lines, and its vocal and instrumental effects.

The performance of Zelenka's work was a revelation. Firmly rooted in late Baroque style, it nevertheless steered clear of cliché, striking a singularly individual note. Its lack of pathos and superficial effects was particularly striking, creating a mood that was moving in its sincerity, devoutness and calm.

Astonishing paradoxes were achieved by assigning the *Tuba mirum* to the soprano instead of the more customary bass, while the *Lux aeterna*, contrary to expectations was rendered by the bass.

Mozart's Requiem, performed by a chamber-sized orchestra, rather than the more usual symphonic orchestra, gained in clarity and attention to detail, without detracting from a lively and inspired performance.

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Pinhasi's plight
MARK L. LEVINSON

WHILE some thinkers are discussing the idea of a limiting parliament in Israel, the High Court seems inclined to leave the issue to discuss.

In its recent decision allowing the Knesset to vote yet again on the issue of the High Court's jurisdiction, the court was outwitted by the government of MK Raphael Pines, who swung a heavy gun.

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, on October 25, the court decided that "Pinhasi's interest in having the charges against him dropped was outweighed by the public interest in seeing that the law is not allowed to evade crime."

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David Klein: Slowdown is timely

DAVID HARRIS

THE current slowdown in economic growth is good for the country, the number-two official at the Bank of Israel, Dr. David Klein, told the *Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Government predictions suggest the economy will grow by some 3.8 percent this year, and by 4% in 1997. That's after expanding a cumulative 40% over the first half of the decade.

"Israel cannot cope with annual growth rates of 6% to 7%," said Klein. "It is too much for the economy. This has led to a large deficit and high inflation."

An annual rate of 4% growth is "more appropriate," said Klein, who heads the central bank's monetary department.

Klein denied there is a major slowdown in the economy. "Certainly there is no recession. I would by no means use such a term," he said.

Klein also warned of the need to keep an eye on private consumption, which continues to grow. The government's proposed NIS4.9 billion budget-cut for 1997 is aimed mainly at curbing public expenditure.

The Knesset begins deliberations today on the government's NIS190.8b. budget for next year. Last night, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met coalition MKs in an attempt to persuade them to support the complete budget package. Throughout the day, Finance Minister Dan Meridor met individual MKs to push the proposals and to assure legislators the poor will not be affected by the cuts.

In a meeting with United Torah Judaism MKs, Meridor said every effort should be made to return the economy to a stronger path. Meridor told the MKs he will form an inter-ministerial committee (with the Education and Religious Affairs ministries) to examine ways of reducing economic gaps, if they exist, between the religious and secular communities.

Central bank cuts interest rates by 0.3%

DAVID HARRIS and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Bank of Israel said yesterday it will cut its key lending rate for November by a lower-than-expected 30 basis points, to 15.2 percent.

It is the fourth consecutive monthly interest rate cut by the central bank, whose rates have dropped since August by a total 1.3%.

All five main commercial banks said they will lower their prime lending rates by 0.3% on Thursday to an annual 16.7% from the current 17%. The banks did not change the rate they charge on other borrowing components.

In currency trading yesterday, the shekel gained 0.8% against the dollar, and 0.75% against the central bank's basket of leading foreign currencies, after investors' previous assessments that the cut would be deeper proved to be unfounded.

Higher interest rates make shekel deposits more attractive, and therefore increase short-term demand for the currency. As trading closed yesterday, the dollar settled at NIS3.25.

The central bank mentioned five factors that influenced its decision:

- The Consumer Price Index fell for the fourth straight month after 10 months of increases.
- The key M1 indicator of money supply has been steady for several months.
- Annual inflation expectations have decreased to 11% to 12%.
- Growth is down to 4% from the previous annual pace of 6% to 7%.
- The ongoing budget deficit.

The reduction was relatively small, despite continuing pressure on Governor Jacob Frenkel to make a big cut. Frenkel, for his part, has made it clear he would only implement a large reduction once the government's proposed NIS4.9 billion budget cuts have Knesset approval.

Bank sources went still further yesterday, saying that even if fully endorsed, the budget cuts would have to be actually implemented before there could be a large rate-reduction.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor declined to comment on the bank's decision, saying he was concentrating on today's introduction of the 1997 budget to the Knesset. Meridor added that, in general terms, interest rates are too

high.

Meanwhile, the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday that - judging by a number of newly released indicators - the slowdown it detected in the first half of the year may have exhausted itself by September.

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz welcomed the continuing policy of lowering interest rates, calling it "a necessary realization of the economic reality."

Businessmen were not so pleased. The Manufacturers Association, one of the most vocal critics of the central bank's monetary policy over the last three years, accused Frenkel of ignoring the general state of the economy and causing ongoing damage.

The organization called for an additional NIS1b. of budget cuts, a freeze on public-sector recruitment, a 2% reduction in interest rates, an immediate 5% change in the shekel's exchange rate and a discussion of additional measures to stimulate growth.

The rate-cut was too small, several businessmen said. "There is no bigger joke," said Koor Chief Executive Benjamin D. Gaon.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sharon to open highway section at Ben-Shimon: The first two sections of the Bevo-Shimon Interchange on the Cross-Israel Highway officially be opened to traffic this afternoon. The new portions of the road connect the Modi'in area with the Jerusalem-bound section of Highway 1. The opening ceremony is to be performed by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

Textile workers plan response to factory closures at meeting in Tel Aviv: Hundreds of textile workers and their representatives are expected to attend an emergency meeting in Tel Aviv tomorrow to discuss problems facing their sector.

The meeting, organized by the Histadrut, will discuss the workers' plans, particularly for factories in development towns currently facing closure.

A meeting has been organized next week between leading textile manufacturers and Trade and Industry Ministry acting director-general Yehoshua Gleitman.

On Sunday, Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky announced the establishment of a public committee to investigate the issue.

Insurer cuts premiums on markets with political risk: Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance announced a 15% to 25% cut in premiums on transactions in markets defined as having a long-term political risk. The company charges a premium of 3% to 8% on long-term transactions of five to 10 years.

New savings plan from Bank Leumi offers 4% rate over 10 years: Bank Leumi is offering a new index-linked 10-year savings plan. The Coab Teshura Hodesat plan offers an annual interest rate of 4%. All deposits will be linked to the Consumer Price Index from the date when the deposit was made.

NIS15m. approved for bypass roads in territories: The Knesset Finance Committee approved a NIS15 million transfer yesterday to enable bypass roads in the territories to be completed by the end of the year. The money is from budgetary reserves.

German politicians give go-ahead for merger talks between state banks: Bankgesellschaft Berlin and Norddeutsche Landesbank, two state-owned German banks regarded as candidates for a possible merger, said yesterday they would intensify talks about cooperating more closely.

In a joint statement, the banks said the regional governments in northern and eastern Germany that own them had reviewed management proposals for closer cooperation and instructed the chief executives to enter further talks. It was unclear whether these proposals envisaged a full merger.

Bankgesellschaft said in June a takeover of NordLB would be a feasible way to strengthen existing cooperation, but NordLB quickly said such a step was highly unlikely.

A merger would create one of Germany's biggest banks with a combined balance sheet total of roughly 480 billion marks (NIS1.02 trillion).

Toy advertisers urge stronger EU action on limits: Toy makers yesterday demanded stronger European Commission proposals to prevent what they allege are trade barriers to toy advertisements in the guise of advertising regulations.

"These bans or restrictions, all of which are different or confined to individual member states, prevent the toy industry either from advertising its product at all in certain markets or from advertising them efficiently and at competitive cost," they said in a statement.

The toy makers were commenting on a Commission proposal for a single market in the advertising sector in the 15-nation bloc.

Small firms account for 60% of export growth

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SMALL and medium-sized exporters accounted for more than 60 percent of the country's total export growth during the last five years, the Israel Export Institute said yesterday.

Companies with annual turnovers of up to NIS30 million contributed a total of \$3.5 billion to the country's exports, based on a survey of 486 export firms. In the 1991-1995 period, small exporters accounted for 12% of export growth. Medium-sized firms contributed 40%, new firms 17% and large firms 31%.

Unfortunately, the firms are getting a big piece of a pie that is not growing as fast as it was. In the first eight months of the year, there was a marked slowdown in exports. For the full year, the institute estimated export growth will fall to 4.4%, compared to average export growth of 11.7% a year for the last five years, said Amir Makov, a director of the IEL.

Makov said traditional industrial fields like food and textiles suffered the largest decline.

The IEL blamed the drop in earnings from exports on the stable shekel and the rise in the price of local raw materials. The IEL urged the government to cut interest rates and to adjust the exchange rate to prevent a further drop in exports.

Israel's export growth has lagged the world's rate of trade growth in the last two years, according to the World Economic Outlook. In 1994, export growth reached 16.3% compared to average world trade growth of 9.2%. In 1995, the country's rate of export growth fell to 6.9% compared to 8.8% for the rest of the world.



Managing director of Israel Railways Amos Uzani (right) greeted the first passengers on the reopened line between Ashdod and Tel Aviv, via Rehovot, yesterday. For the time being, two trains leave Ashdod daily at 6:15 a.m. and 6:55 a.m., with return journeys at 5:12 p.m. and 6:26 p.m.

Ben-Gurion 2000 project will not be finished until 2001 or 2002

DAVID HARRIS

PLANS to expand the country's main international airport, a project known as Ben-Gurion 2000, will not be completed until the year 2001 or 2002, said Transport Ministry director-general Nahoum Langeotal yesterday.

The Transport Ministry is now in negotiations with the Interior Ministry to speed the legal planning process. Langeotal said this is likely to be concluded by next summer.

"The new terminal will take four or five years to build," said Langeotal. "That clearly means the project won't be completed by 2000."

However, the scheme will be implemented in stages, so certain elements will be finished in time for the new millennium, he said.

The \$850 million program, approved by the government in

January 1994, includes the construction of a new terminal. It would allow for a capacity of 16 million passengers a year.

The scheme also includes the construction of new roads and a railway line with a 12 minute journey time to Tel Aviv.

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy said last week he believes Israel will need a second international airport, in addition to the new terminal, to cope with the increase in air traffic.

ENI shares surge after second sale

MILAN (Reuters) - Shares in Italy's state-controlled ENI surged on the Milan stock exchange yesterday when trading started after a second sale of shares in the oil and gas giant, which was seen by traders as an unqualified success.

ENI shares were up 1 percent at 7,230 lire after opening at 7,200. The all-share stock index was up a modest 0.23%.

Italy raised at least 7.7 trillion lire (NIS16 billion) from the sale of 1.1 billion ENI shares which closed Friday. ENI is also listed in New York and London.

Shell attacks US boycott of Iran, Libya

LONDON (Reuters) - In an apparent attack on US policy, a top Shell manager yesterday said governments should not impose unilateral trade bans on other nations.

Mark Moody-Stuart, group managing director of Royal Dutch/Shell, also said oil companies have no business getting involved in the politics of countries

in which they operate.

"Our industry, in many countries, is the dominant industry, but that doesn't give us the right to tell those countries what to do. Take that one step higher, I am not sure it is right for the major dominant country to tell others what to do."

Moody-Stuart was apparently referring to Washington's D'Amato Act, which imposes sanctions on foreign companies investing \$40 million or more a year in Iran or Libya.

Washington's unilateral action against oil-rich Libya and Iran, as well as Cuba, has drawn the ire of the EU, which plans to vote on measures to counter the anti-Cuban trade laws.

"I am not sure it is helpful for countries to extend their boycotts into secondary countries," Moody-Stuart said.

Moody-Stuart also talked of growing pressures on large oil companies to speak out in nations where they operate massive oil and gas facilities. But "trying to exert political influence is counterproductive," he said. "Discrete representation might be more useful."

UK expects deal to return Albanian gold

LONDON (Reuters) - The British government said yesterday it was confident Albanian gold held at the Bank of England since being recovered from the Nazis during World War II would be returned to Albania soon.

A high-level delegation headed by the governor of the Albanian central bank, Kristaq Lunika, was due to London yesterday, and the \$18 million of gold will be on the agenda when the team begins talks at the Foreign Office here today.

The official said the talks would be on "technical issues" covering the eventual transfer of the gold to Albania from the Bank of England, where it has been held since 1947.

The disputed gold is controlled by a tripartite commission set up by three of the wartime Allies - Britain, France and the US.

Britain agreed in May 1992 to return the gold after resolving an unrelated diplomatic dispute involving the sinking of two British warships off the Albanian coast in 1946 with the loss of 44 lives.

Under the deal, Albania agreed to pay \$2 million to Britain.

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TENDERS

The Israel Electric Corporation wishes to purchase the following goods/services:

<p>1. Subject of Tender and Volume of Purchase: Truck chassis 6 x 4</p> <p>Winner: Mimsar Car Agencies Ltd., Tel Aviv</p> <p>Date of Decision: September 3, 1996</p> <p>Value of Winning Bid: \$1,283,673</p> <p>Value of Lowest Bid: \$1,283,673</p>	<p>Tender 546747</p>
<p>2. Subject of Tender and Volume of Purchase: Contract for the Supply of Stiff Plastic Pipes Carmiast Industries, Carmiel</p> <p>Winner: August 23, 1996</p> <p>Value of Winning Bid: \$4,843,169</p> <p>Value of Highest Bid: \$5,642,316</p> <p>Value of Lowest Bid: \$4,843,169</p>	<p>Tender 553572</p>
<p>3. Subject of Tender and Volume of Purchase: High Tension Cable 1 X 150 sq.m. Kvaillim, Haifa (55%), Kviel Zion, Rishon</p> <p>Winner: Lazion (45%)</p> <p>Date of Decision: August 29, 1996</p> <p>Value of Winning Bid: Kvaillim - NIS 12,731,565</p> <p>Value of Highest Bid: Kviel Zion - NIS 10,416,435</p> <p>Value of Lowest Bid: NIS 38,428,333</p> <p>Value of Lowest Bid: NIS 21,884,245</p>	<p>Tender 551889</p>

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US judge clears way for Swiss company to boost stake in InterPharm

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

A US District Court paved the way for Ares-Serono, Switzerland's fourth-largest drug company, to buy an additional 23.7 percent of InterPharm Laboratories for \$25 a share, or a total of \$15 million, Ares-Serono said yesterday.

In 1994, Ares-Serono offered to buy 610,662 of the Nessziona-based biotechnology company's shares for \$22 each, but stockholders demanded a higher price. When the company balked, the case went to arbitration. The settlement reflects a compromise agreed by the parties.

On completion of the acquisition, Ares-Serono will hold 99% of InterPharm's shares.

Company representatives say the purchase will allow Ares-Serono to invest more in developing its multiple-sclerosis drug, Rebif, the bulk ingredients of which are produced by InterPharm. Currently in clinical trials, Rebif is a genetically engineered beta interferon that is identical to human proteins.

The drug is genetically engineered, so researchers say Rebif's side-effects are less harsh than those caused by other beta interferons now sold to treat multiple sclerosis.

The case was decided in the US because InterPharm shares are traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS				
Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96)				
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.750	5.000	5.375	
Found sterling (£100,000)	5.1894	4.000	4.250	
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.875	1.825	2.125	
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.9175	0.825	1.000	
Yen (10 million yen)	0.825	0.750	1.000	
(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)				
Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (28.10.96)				
CHECKS AND TRANSFERS				
Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	3.6073	3.6669	3.16	3.6420
German mark	3.2240	3.2781	2.77	3.2550
French franc	2.1182	2.1604	2.07	2.1370
Japanese yen (100)	6.1894	5.2833	5.11	5.2471
Dutch florin	0.8284	0.8386	0.61	0.8328
Swiss franc	2.8227	2.8993	2.79	2.8488
Spanish peseta (100)	1.8870	1.9175	1.85	1.9065
Swedish krona	2.5510	2.5822	1.95	2.0573
Norwegian krona	0.4896	0.4975	0.46	0.4941
Danish krone	0.5012	0.5117	0.48	0.5081
Finland mark	0.5518	0.5607	0.52	0.5573
Canadian dollar	0.7082	0.7098	0.54	0.573
Australian dollar	2.3982	2.4389	0.99	0.973
S. African rand	2.5555	2.5988	2.35	2.428
Belgian franc (10)	0.8294	0.8386	0.68	0.7445
Austrian schilling (10)	1.0274	1.0400	1.00	0.7017
Italian lira (1000)	3.0081	3.0587	2.95	3.0179
Jordanian dinar	2.1151	2.1439	2.06	2.1391
Egyptian pound	4.8000	4.7900	2.07	2.18
ECU	0.8200	1.0000	0.48	0.479
Irish punt	4.0800	4.1283	0.92	1.00
Spanish peseta (100)	5.2425	5.3275	6.15	5.41
	2.5143	2.5649	2.47	2.5380

*These rates vary according to bank. SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

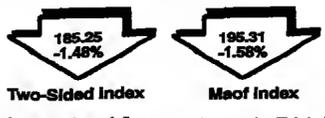
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Stocks drop on disappointment over rate-cut

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



STOCKS dropped about 1.5 percent on light volume after the central bank made a smaller-than-expected cut in its benchmark interest rate.

Across the Tel Aviv exchange, NIS49.2 million of shares traded. More than four issues declined for every one that advanced.

Early in trading, holding company Clal Israel was down 5.25% or just NIS32,000 of shares traded, said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zannex Securities.

Among the losers was Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, off 2%, and other chemical companies.

Blue Square Properties and Investments, which operates Co-Op Supermarkets, added 0.5%.

The central bank, setting interest-rate policy for November, said it would cut its benchmark rate 0.3 percentage points to 15.2%.

"Ridiculous? They haven't invented a word to describe" the situation on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Nahum said.

The Maof index was off 1.58% at 195.31, while the Mishkan index shed 1.48% to 185.25.

London stock market reversed slight opening losses to head higher after a surprise bid for Northern Electric, later rejected by the utility.

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LONDON (Reuters) - Leading European bourses put on a mixed performance, though a surprise takeover bid helped the London stock market.

The Frankfurt bourse advanced by one percent, boosted by a stream of encouraging corporate news, but Paris slipped back after a more positive start.

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LONDON (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks changed course and ended lower yesterday as investors braced for an onslaught of economic numbers, starting with today's third-quarter Employment Cost Index, a closely watched gauge of wage-inflation.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 34.29 points lower at 5,972.73, after being up more than 35 points early in the day.

In the broader market, declining issues beat advances 2-1 on moderate volume of 387 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

Blue-chip stocks end lower

WALL STREET REPORT

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table with columns: R, MARK, STERLING, YEN, SF, FF. Lists various currencies and their exchange rates.

BUDGET

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Caucus chairman Shaul Amior (Likud) charged that the budget voters all the Likud's promises to its voters, many of whom are lower-income.

"We cannot lend our support [to this budget]," he said.

Though Amior has met with other members of the MKs complained, these conversations have so far resulted in no changes to the budget.

Meridor, however, vigorously defended the budget, and especially the decision not to raise employers' National Insurance payments.

The worst thing to do would be to raise taxes on labor, he said, because it would discourage employers from hiring, and probably even result in firings - especially among the many factories that are now in serious financial trouble, and for which additional payroll taxes could well be the blow that forces them to shut their doors.

"Do you think the owner is going to be unemployed?" he demanded. "You know who will wind up unemployed - If the economy goes into recession, if unemployment grows - it is only the poor who will be hurt."

Meridor also rejected the idea of cutting more from the defense budget, noting that it has already fallen from 25% to 10% of GNP over the past 10 years.

This leaves only three other places to cut - education, health and welfare - since the rest of the budget is tiny in comparison, he said.

These are also the three areas that have grown dramatically over the past five years, by 60%-70% apiece. And while all of these are worthwhile expenditures in principle, he added, the previous government paid for them by borrowing - and as a result there is not enough money now.

The problem is especially acute because the US loan guarantees - which enabled Labor to fund its massive deficit - are due to expire in 1998, Meridor said. There is no way Israel could continue to borrow such sums on the private market.

"Look at the situation as it really is," he urged. "It's not that we don't have real needs, but we don't have the ability to finance these needs - I beg you all to act responsibly."

Furthermore, he said, the 1996 revenue projections are unlikely to be met, which is likely to necessitate even deeper cuts.

"If I knew the amount [of the shortfall], I would propose an additional cut immediately," he said.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Large table with columns: Name, Price, Change, Volume. Divided into sections: Multi-sided trading, Two-sided trading, AFTERNOON, MORNING.

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Table with columns: Name, Price, City, Name, Price, City, Name, Price, City, Name, Price, City. Lists various international stocks and their prices.

Key Representative Rates

Table with columns: Currency, Rate, Change. Includes U.S. Dollar, Sterling, German mark.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Table with columns: Index, Last, Change. Includes NYSE Composite, NYSE 100, etc.

Other stock market indexes

Table with columns: Index, Last, Change. Includes FTSE 100, Nikkei 225, etc.

Israeli stocks in US

Table with columns: Stock Name, Last, Change. Lists various Israeli companies like Amgal, Azura, etc.

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INFLATION MARKETS

Table with columns: Commodity, Last, Change. Includes Wheat, Soybeans, etc.

Dollar crossrates (US)

Table with columns: Currency, Last, Change. Includes Pound, Deutsche, etc.

Libor rates

Table with columns: Term, Last, Change. Lists various interest rates.

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Business Briefs

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Text about global markets and other business news.

Utd, Juventus seek European Cup final 8 spots

LONDON (Reuters) - The European Champions' League this week reaches the point of no return where mathematical certainties take the place of dreams and hopes.

Juventus, the reigning European champions, and Manchester United - despite conceding 11 goals in their last two matches - should clinch their places in the last eight by ensuring they finish in the top two positions in Group C with wins over Rapid Vienna and injury-hit Fenerbahce respectively.

Borussia Dortmund will also guarantee its place in the quarter-finals from Group B if it completes the double over Atletico Madrid at home, while Porto will virtually ensure top spot in Group D if it follows up its away win over Rosenborg with a home victory.

Rosenborg striker Jahn Ivar "Mini" Jakobsen will miss tomorrow's match after being sent off two weeks ago in Trondheim where Porto won 1-0.

Also doubtful is Rosenborg captain Bent Skammernesrud, who is reluctant to leave home

because his partner is just about to have a baby. AC Milan must recover from its surprise 2-1 defeat in Gothenburg two weeks ago with a victory over the Swedish champions to banish serious doubts about its chances of advancing from Group D with Porto.

Until this week Rangers and Widzew Lodz, who have both lost all their matches in groups A and B respectively, have been hoping for a dramatic change in fortune - and unlikely results elsewhere - to keep alive their hopes of progressing.

But their interest in the competition is almost certain to end after tomorrow's matches against Ajax and Steaua Bucharest respectively.

Group A features Ajax, Grasshopper and Auxerre on six points and Rangers on none, with Ajax leading on goal difference.

Ajax travels to face a Glasgow outfit missing three suspended players - Paul Gascoigne, skipper Richard Gough and Australian Craig Moore as well as injured first-choice goalkeeper Andy

Goran - and should add three more points to the ones it picked up by beating Rangers 4-1 in Amsterdam two weeks ago.

Auxerre will be without young striker Thomas Demand for its vital match against Grasshopper in Switzerland.

Deniaud, who scored twice against Glasgow Rangers and once against Grasshopper in Auxerre's last two European ties, but his ankle after scoring the opening goal in his side's 7-0 thrashing of Lyon on Friday and will be out of action for six weeks.

Grasshopper will be out for a revenge after narrowly losing 1-0 at Auxerre and looking forward to a win which would practically give it a place in the quarter-finals.

While Turkish champions Fenerbahce will lose its tenuous foothold in the Champions' League if it is beaten by Manchester United and Juventus defeats Rapid Vienna, its Istanbul rivals Galatasaray travel to European Cup Winners' Cup holders Paris St Germain in a very strong

position. Galatasaray won the first leg of its second-round tie 4-2 in Istanbul two weeks ago and will be full of confidence after winning 8-1 in Izmir against Altay on Sunday.

That victory follows a recent 6-1 win over Gaziantepspor and coach Fevzi Terim believes they can keep up their high scoring in France.

"I believe we can put on another overwhelming performance in France and go through to the next round," he said.

In the UEFA Cup, Internazionale, bidding to win the trophy for the third time in seven seasons, will be looking to follow up its 3-1 home win against Parma on Sunday with a win over Casino Graz of Austria.

Inter was unimpressive winning the first leg 1-0 in Austria two weeks ago and is unlikely to underestimate its opponents again.

They will field their full-strength side against the Austrians, which includes Ciriaco Sforza of Switzerland, Englishman Paul Ince, Argentine

Javier Zanetti, Frenchman Youri Djorkaeff and Chilean Ivan Zamorano, who scored twice against Parma.

Tensions are likely to be running high in Newcastle, where the English team - without £15 million world record signing Alan Shearer who is recovering from a groin operation - attempts to overcome a 3-2 first leg deficit against Ferencvaros of Hungary.

Newcastle, which has spent more than £50m on new players in the last four seasons, is eager to maintain the push for its first trophy since winning the old Inter Cities Fairs Cup against the Hungarian Ujpest Dozsa in 1969.

The English side finds itself trailing after gifting Ferencvaros three goals with sloppy defending in Budapest but England striker Les Ferdinand is confident the first-leg deficit can be overturned.

"It's very delicately balanced and we can't go out guns blazing," he said. "We just need a goal and if we can get it and hold them we'll go through."

A new Joe steals Gotham hearts Torre grateful for Series win, and more

NEW YORK (Reuters) - "Tonight was probably the most enjoyable night of my life," New York manager Joe Torre said Saturday night, and he was not just talking about winning a World Series after the longest wait in history.

Torre also had the satisfaction of knowing his brother Frank had successfully received a heart transplant the day before.

When the Yankees completed their 3-2 victory over the defending champion Atlanta Braves, "I thought about Frank," Torre said.

"This was such exhilaration, especially yesterday with Frank getting a heart and so far doing well."

He said he hadn't yet been able to complete his customary post-game telephone call to his brother in the hospital.

"I was too late to get to the phone. He went off to get a sandwich or something," the manager joked.

Torre had spent more games in uniform, as a player and manager, than anyone without reaching the World Series. That made this championship all that much sweeter.

"When you get as old I am, you learn to appreciate it," he said. "It may only come down one time, but I'll tell you, between yesterday and today, this is the best feeling I've ever had in my life."

Torre was fired last year by the St. Louis Cardinals and thought that might be the end of his baseball career - without its crowning glory.

"I never thought that I was going to get here," he said. "I thought that was my last stop."

The sight of the dour Torre weeping in the dugout was one of the most memorable moments of a memorable American League Championship Series victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

"I think I was all cried out in the ALCS," said Torre. "I ran out of tears."

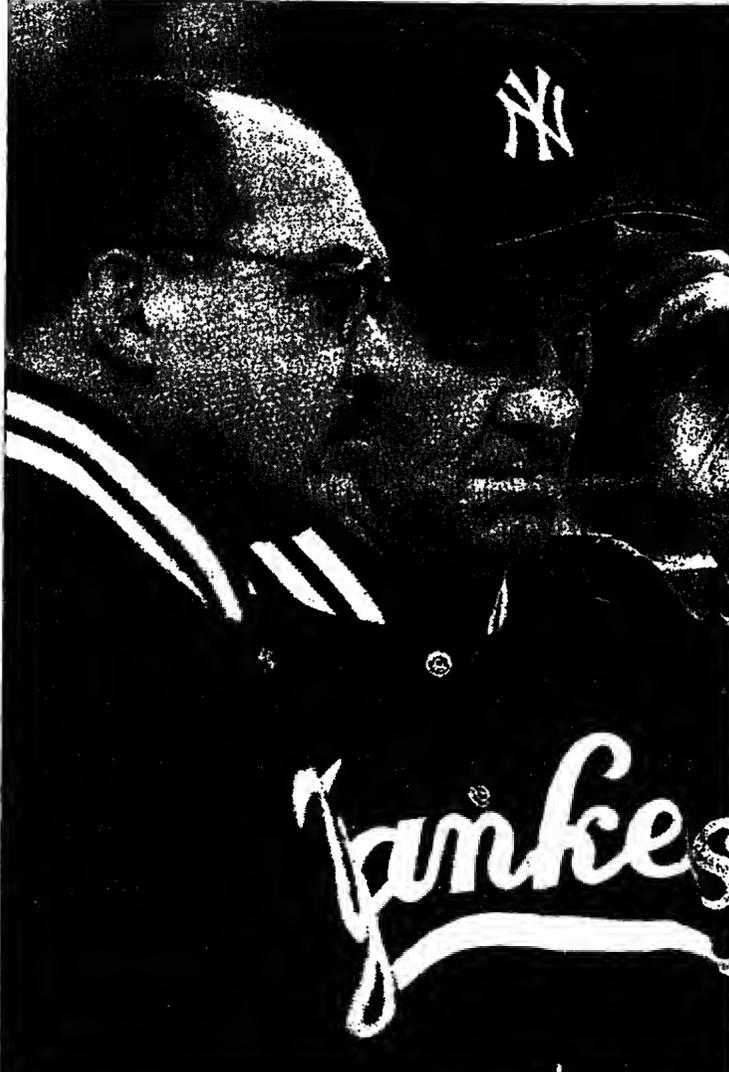
The Brooklyn native added: "I can't believe how many people prayed for me just because I haven't been in a World Series and because of my brother."

In a telephone call with New York Governor George Pataki, he said: "Yesterday was a wonderful day when they woke me at 5:45 a.m. and told me they were going ahead with Frank. I was startled but that's what they had been waiting for. Later they told me he was OK. Today we woke him up just before the game so he would see it."

Torre's thoughts were also on his other brother, Rocco, who died suddenly earlier this year.

"He was with me this whole series. I just felt that, an emotional Torre said."

He described his feelings in the dugout as the game wore on: "In the seventh inning I was loading my mouth with my lucky candy and when I went out to argue with



SAGE COUNSEL - Yankees' manager Joe Torre (r) confers with Mr. October, Reggie Jackson during the Series.

(umpire) Jim Evans, he said it looked like I had lipstick on. And then I just decided to stay with the gum.

"I don't know if I was just a zombie or calmer in the ninth inning, but I just kind of locked in and let it happen."

It was a tense inning, in which closer John Wetteland gave up a run and three hits before ending it with a pop-up to third baseman Charlie Hayes with men on first and second.

"When they had a couple of men on, well, that's the way it's been all year long. There's no reason for it to go 1-2-3, because we haven't had that on many occasions."

"Right before the last ball was hit, I was trying to decide if I should go out and talk to John, and (coach) Don Zimmer said, 'don't worry about it, the next one is for Frank.' The next pitch - Charlie Hayes catches it.

"This is a dream ... everything that has happened in the last 24-36 hours is unbelievable."

He said he believed that along with Cal Ripken's surpassing Lou Gehrig's games-played streak and the death of Mickey Mantle, the human interest of his own story had helped the game of baseball regain some fan popularity which was lost during the labor strife that wiped out the 1994 World Series.

The Comeback Kids

Teams that have rebounded from a 0-2 deficit to win the World Series.

- 1921 - New York (NL) 5, New York (AL) 3
- 1955 - Brooklyn (NL) 4, New York (AL) 3
- 1956 - New York (NL) 4, Brooklyn (NL) 3
- 1958 - New York (AL) 4, Milwaukee (NL) 3
- 1965 - Los Angeles (NL) 4, Minnesota (AL) 3
- 1971 - Pittsburgh (NL) 4, Baltimore (AL) 3
- 1978 - New York (AL) 4, Los Angeles (NL) 2
- 1981 - Los Angeles (NL) 4, New York (AL) 2
- x-1985 - Kansas City (AL) 4, St. Louis (NL) 3
- x-1986 - New York (NL) 4, Boston (AL) 3
- x-1996 - New York (AL) 4, Atlanta (NL) 2
- x- lost first two games at home.

Sela falls in 1st round of national tennis championships

OFFER Sela, seeded fourth in the National Tennis Championship, was surprisingly defeated in the first round by Dan Haneghi in three sets: 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. Sela has resumed playing after sustaining an injury overseas. All other seeds made it through

to the second round. Noam Bar pulled out of the Hadar Yosef tourney yesterday.

First seed, Nir Weigreen battled hard to beat Dekel Selekter, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1, while third seed Eyal Erlich easily beat Ronnie Ben Harush 6-1, 6-1.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

SARFU denies report of impending player revolt

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - The South African Rugby Football Union (SARFU) yesterday denied claims of an impending player revolt over wages for the forthcoming Springbok tour of Argentina, France and Wales.

An Afrikaans daily newspaper reported players were demanding a 75 percent pay increase for the tour, which starts in Argentina early next month.

It said leading players were seeking an additional 1,500 rand (\$325) per day on top of their basic salary. But SARFU chief executive Rian Oberholzer denied the story.

"Players will always try and squeeze you for more money but to say that they are about to revolt and strike is nonsense. We will meet with the player representatives later but we will keep the results confidential."

Oberholzer said payment for the tour was based on match appearances.

"If a player only plays midweek matches the least he will earn is 50,000 rand (\$10,800). I don't think that's bad, and obviously the Test players will earn considerably more."

On Sunday, Auckland overwhelmed Counties-Manukau 46-15, running in seven tries to retain its National Provincial Championship rugby union first division title.

Fullback Adrian Cashmore inspired the Aucklanders with a try and 11 points from the boot. Two tries each from Eroni Clarke and Brian Lima, and one apiece from Lee Stensness and Romi Ropati completed the scoring romp.

Auckland opened the scoring after seven minutes through Clarke, but were bravely held through much of the first half by a Counties side deprived of the suspended Jonah Lomu. Lomu's appeal against his one-week ban for a dangerous tackle was turned down by a judicial panel on Friday.

The floodgates opened just before half-time with a Cashmore penalty and Clarke's second try, quickly followed after the interval by tries to Cashmore and Stensness.

Lock Jim Coe and fullback Dean Sheppard claimed late consolation tries for Counties.

Gretzky assists in Rangers' win

NEW YORK (AP) - Wayne Gretzky had his most productive game with New York, scoring a goal and adding three assists to help the Rangers end a three-game losing streak by beating the Buffalo Sabres 6-4 on Sunday.

After going scoreless in his first game with the Rangers, Gretzky has points in a league-high 11 straight games, getting five goals and 12 assists.

Brian Leetch, Luc Robitaille, Mark Messier, Pat Flatley and Niklas Sundstrom also scored for New York. Derek Plante, Michal Grosek, Brian Holzinger and Randy Burridge scored for Buffalo, which cotered the game with a four-game winning streak.

San Jose 6, Blackhawks 2
Owee Nolan scored his ninth

career hat trick, including two goals during visiting San Jose's five-goal first period.

Darren Turcotte also had two first-period goals as San Jose completed its longest road trip of the season with a 3-2-1 record.

With Ulf Dahleo, Turcotte and Nolan scoring on consecutive shots in an 87-second span, the Sharks broke open the game early. Eric Daze and Alexei Zhamnov had power-play goals for Chicago.

Panthers 3, Flyers 2
Scott Mellanby scored his 200th career goal, helping visiting Florida remain the NHL's only undefeated team.

Dave Lowry and Bill Lindsay added goals for the Panthers, who have their longest unbeaten streak

ever at 7-0-3. Florida has a seven-point lead over the Flyers. The New York Rangers and Tampa Bay in the Atlantic Division.

John Druce and Daniel Lacroix scored for Philadelphia, playing without injured centers Eric Lindros and Dale Hawerchuk.

Flames 4, Mighty Ducks 1
Dave Gagner scored two goals on deflections, the first snapping a 1-1 tie in the second period, as streaking Calgary sent host Anaheim to its seventh straight loss.

Theoren Fleury and Todd Hlushko added goals for the Flames, unbeaten in five games with the only tie a scoreless draw at Los Angeles on Saturday night. Kevin Todd scored for the Ducks.

Doubt cast on Raza's youngest Test player claim

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuters) - Hasan Raza's claim to be the youngest Test cricketer may be false.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Sunday medical tests had shown Raza was "around 15" when he underwent the examination in June.

Raza claimed he was 14 years and 227 days old when he made his Test debut against Zimbabwe in Faisalabad last week.

That beat the existing record of Pakistan team manager Mushtaq Muhammad who made his debut aged 15 years and 124 days against West Indies in 1958-59.

But the PCB released a radiology report on Sunday prepared by Lahore's Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital. It revealed that an X-ray of the Karachi-born youngster's left wrist indicated he was around 15 years on the date of the Test on June 13.

A similar report on another Pakistani youngster Shahid Afridi, who hit the fastest one-day international century off just 37 balls against Sri Lanka in Kenya earlier this month, showed him to be 19 instead of 16 as claimed.

Both Raza and Afridi underwent the tests with several other players because they did not have birth certificates.

Raza's X-ray was conducted before the selection of the Pakistan team for the under-15 World Cup in England. Afridi underwent his test before going to West Indies with the Pakistan under-19 squad in August.

PCB chief executive Majid Khan said the board did not acknowledge the ages given by Raza and Afridi and would stand by the radiologist's report.

Both players have been included in a squad of 12 for the first of the three limited-over internation-

als against Zimbabwe at Quetta on October 30.

Faceman Waqar Younis, a veteran of 128 one-day games, has been rested. His replacement Azhar Mahmood, an all-rounder, toured Canada and Kenya with the national team.

Warne takes 5 wickets
Australia wrist spinner Shane Warne took five wickets in an interstate limited overs match on Sunday, his first major haul since undergoing surgery on his bowling hand in May.

Warne, Australia's main strike bowler, pulled out of his country's current tour of India and also missed a limited overs tournament in Sri Lanka in August after undergoing surgery to correct ligament damage in the ring finger of his right hand.

Australia has struggled in Warne's absence, losing a one-off Test against India two weeks ago.

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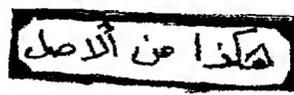
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Anouk Grinberg is a happy hooker in the adult French movie 'Mon Homme', directed by her husband, Bertrand Blier.

THE Tel Aviv Museum opens a new series of classical music concerts today at 6. These one-hour Rush Hour concerts are aimed at music lovers who prefer an earlier hour for their daily dose of music.

YOU can still enjoy the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra season opening programs featuring Beethoven's Missa Solemnis in a glorious reading and Handel's Messiah in a performance that is somewhat devoid of the work's real charm.

ZANY phony-Romans will have you rolling in the aisles in the Cameri Theater production of Steven Sondheim's A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.

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CHANNEL 1

6:31 News in Arabic 8:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Moses and Jewish Tradition 8:30 Family Connections 9:00 Literature 9:30 Health 9:45 Programs for children 10:00 Our Friends 10:05 Stories in Arabic 10:15 Welcome to France 10:30 Mathematics 10:40 Stories of the World 11:15 Scientists 11:30 Science and Technology 12:00 Geography 12:30 Everything's Open 13:00 The Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:25 City Cat and Tommy 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gili 15:00 Zombit

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Zap to 1 15:32 Video Force 15:50 The Adventures of Dodo 16:00 A Decade of Hoppa Hey 16:30 Garfield 16:50 The Adventures of Dodo 16:59 A New Evening 17:24 Liberty Street 18:00 Droopy 18:10 Musical Notes 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropo 19:00 News in Arabic HEBREW PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropo 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Apropo 20:00 News 20:50 Loto results 19:55 Mine Host Meri Pa'er 22:00 Opposite Mount Sinai documentary on the 40th anniversary of the Sinai Campaign 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

CHANNEL 2

13:00 Great Moments in Disney Animation 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Junior News - news magazine for youth 15:00 Edo - adventure series 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Hersh 17:30 The Mommies - comedy series 18:00 The Mommies - prize-winning drama series 19:00 Hatzufim 19:20 The Price is Right

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CHANNEL 5

6:30 Body in Motion 16:00 Body in Motion 16:30 Basketball (pt) 18:00 English League Soccer 19:00 English League Soccer: Nottingham vs. Everton 20:00 Handball 21:00 South American Soccer Magazine 22:00 Dangerous Games 23:00 NFL Football

EUROSPORT

9:30 Alpine Skiing (pt) 10:30 Figure Skating (pt) 12:00 Cycling: World Championship from Japan (pt) 13:00 Euro 14:00 Triathlon: World Cup from New Zealand 15:00 Tennis: ATP tournament, Paris - live 23:00 European Soccer 1:00 Snooker (pt)

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Cricket: World Cup, Sri Lanka vs. Australia - Finals 11:00 Tennis: Closed Courts - European Championship Finals 12:30 Water Sports 1

Plan would pour NIS 720m. into Jerusalem's Arab sector

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM'S Arab sector would get a museum and theater, new parks and sports complexes, and thousands of new homes, under an unprecedented eastern Jerusalem development plan now being worked out by the municipality and government.

Municipal officials admitted the grandiose plan sounds far-fetched, given the lack of state investment in projects for Jerusalem's Arab residents since the city's reunification in 1967.

But, the officials insisted, the plan announced on Sunday by Mayor Ehud Olmert already has the backing, in principle, of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. All that is left is to work out the details, the officials said.

The city's proposal carries a NIS 145 million price tag for what is described as its "immediate stage," and an additional NIS 575m in investment in eastern Jerusalem over the next four to five years.

Olmert first presented the proposal to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani last month, emphasizing how important state investment in eastern Jerusalem is to keeping the city united.

"There is great importance to immediately carrying out projects that can give immediate answers to needs [in eastern Jerusalem] ... Carrying out these projects will give a message to the residents of eastern Jerusalem, as it will to others, of Israel's position on Jerusalem," the plan, entitled "Social and Physical Infrastructure in East Jerusalem," states.

"There can be no doubt that carrying out these things will make the non-Jewish residents of east Jerusalem understand that there has been a change in the government's and municipality's handling of services and infrastructure in east Jerusalem. ...

"At the same time, the long-term projects must be moved ahead quickly, including in the areas of planning, infrastructure, education, and with an intensive expansion of social, welfare, and

cultural services," the proposal states.

The proposal covers the gambit of infrastructure and development issues, detailing the needs for roads, sewage, gardening, waste, water, education, and fire and rescue services in eastern Jerusalem.

It also calls for funding for additional neighborhood councils in the Arab sector, so the municipality can have greater feedback on the needs of the Arab population. Government ministries and state authorities are called on to increase their presence in eastern Jerusalem.

The proposal is frank in describing the backward conditions in the city's Arab sector, and contains a rare official acknowledgment that many Arab residents build illegally because they are unable to receive permits, due to the lack of zoning in eastern Jerusalem.

Among the immediate projects included in the proposal are NIS 66m. for roads in eastern Jerusalem, NIS 10m. for sewage and water, NIS 20m. for schools, NIS 16m. for welfare, and NIS 10m. to establish additional Arab neighborhood councils.

Long-term investment for eastern Jerusalem outlined in the project includes NIS 10m. for drawing up zoning plans and re-zoning, NIS 71m. for improving the water system, NIS 84m. for new classrooms, and NIS 20m. to establish an Arab museum and theater.

The municipality's proposal calls for major state investment in finalizing the zoning plans and the compensation required to carry out the re-zoning, aimed at clearing the way for Arab residents and investors to build thousands of new homes in eastern Jerusalem.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor is scheduled to meet with Olmert on Sunday, with the eastern Jerusalem proposal one of the major issues on their agenda. City officials said they realized the proposal was costly, but they believed that with some cuts, it would be approved.



Led by a vintage Jaguar, a procession of classic automobiles arrives yesterday at Kibbutz Geshar in the Jordan Valley. The cars, on a London-to-Jerusalem rally sponsored by the Jewish National Fund, will be on exhibit today in Jerusalem in the courtyard of the Jewish Agency. (Flash 90)

Kahalani decides Prisons Service headquarters will leave capital

BILL HUTMAN

THE Prisons Service's Jerusalem headquarters will be closed and its offices transferred to Ramle, despite calls for the government to keep its offices in the capital, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday.

"There are only a few [Prisons Service] offices left in Jerusalem, and it will save us a lot of money to move them to the main headquarters in Ramle," Kahalani told reporters.

The minister rejected criticism of the move by Mayor Ehud Olmert, saying that if the municipality had not opposed construction of a new prison and central headquarters in the Atarot industrial zone in north Jerusalem, the

service would be staying in the city. Over the past several years, departments of the headquarters, near the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, have slowly been moved to Ramle. The ministry had put off completely closing the headquarters, because of political opposition.

Ministry sources said the decision to close the Jerusalem headquarters was taken earlier this month on the eve of Kahalani's official US visit, during a meeting between the minister and outgoing prisons commissioner Arye Bibi.

Likud MK Rubi Rivlin called the decision "shocking," particularly as Kahalani heads the ministerial committee on Jerusalem that is supposed to work to strengthen the city's standing.

Ministry sources said there are about 100 service workers still on the job in Jerusalem who in the coming months will be transferred to Ramle. Many of the workers have also sharply opposed the move, because they are city residents.

Kahalani toured Ramle's Neveh Tirza women's prison yesterday, where he was told that some 80 percent of inmates are serving time for drug offenses.

WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Light showers.

AROUND THE WORLD

City	Low	High	Wind
Amsterdam	11	14	SW
Berlin	10	14	SW
Buenos Aires	17	24	SE
Calcutta	25	32	SE
Chicago	10	15	SE
Copenhagen	10	13	SE
Frankfurt	12	15	SE
Geneva	10	13	SE
Hamburg	10	13	SE
Hong Kong	11	15	SE
Jakarta	25	32	SE
London	11	14	SW
Los Angeles	14	18	SW
Madrid	10	13	SE
Moscow	10	13	SE
New York	15	18	SE
Paris	15	18	SE
Rome	15	18	SE
Seoul	10	13	SE
Sydney	10	13	SE
Tel Aviv	18	22	SE
Toronto	10	13	SE
Warsaw	10	13	SE
Zurich	10	13	SE

Labor Party to oppose Norwegian Law in Knesset

LIAT COLLINS

THE Labor faction will oppose the so-called Norwegian Law when it comes up for first reading in the Knesset, it was decided yesterday. The bill would allow 12 ministers to resign their Knesset seats and bring in new MKs to replace them. The bill, an amendment to the Basic Law: The Government, also calls for enlarging the inner security cabinet.

Under the bill only the prime minister and his four deputy premiers would remain MKs. Although Labor has traditionally favored the bill, after discussions in the faction it was decided to impose party discipline and vote against it. The bill is scheduled for a vote today, but the coalition might postpone it as some of its own MKs who support it will be absent.

distancing between the government and the House, and this would worsen should the bill pass. Labor Party leader Shimon Peres said the direct election of the prime minister had changed the circumstances and therefore the party could not support the bill as it had in the past. Peres also said the Knesset was losing its status as a parliament because of the

Winning cards

In yesterday's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the ace of spades, the jack of hearts, the king of diamonds, and the king of clubs.

KNESSET BRIEFS

No-confidence motions filed
The Democratic Arab Party faction in the Knesset has submitted a no-confidence motion over the prime minister's handling of the negotiations with the Palestinians. The faction blamed the failure of the talks on the prime minister's insistence on demanding new terms in the agreement. Labor also submitted a no-confidence motion yesterday citing the growing social gap.

Local councillors visit Knesset during strike
The Knesset was inundated by members of local councils yesterday, during the warning strike of the councils called by the Union of Local Authorities. Visitors were present at several committee sessions, including one of the Interior Committee, which decided to support a bill by MK Yossi Katz (Labor) demanding new elections every time a council head resigns. The Knesset's environmental caucus, headed by Avraham Herschson (Likud), said it would fight cuts in local environmental units. *Liav Collins*

Shmaya Angel to get first furlough

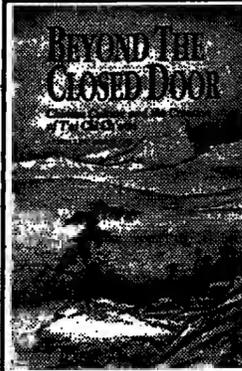
BILL HUTMAN

NOTORIOUS murderer Shmaya Angel, who is serving three consecutive life sentences, is to receive his first furlough tomorrow after nearly 15 years in jail, following court appeals by his wife and prisoners activist Herut Lapid.

"He sounded really tense when I spoke on the phone with him today," Angel's wife, Naomi, said yesterday. "I'm sure he'll relax once he's on the outside." Angel was given a one-time 24-hour leave by the Prisons Service, which has opposed his release in the past on the grounds he is still dangerous.

Angel is serving consecutive life sentences for the 1981 double murders of heroin couriers Shulamit Sbeli and Michel Nahmias, plus the 1988 murder of fellow convict Haim Shushan, whom he stabbed 131 times. The service set strict limits on his movement during the time he is outside Beersheva Prison. Angel is to be picked up by his wife at 2 p.m. tomorrow and drive to his father's grave in Tel Aviv. From there, they are to drive to Rosh Pina and stay in a small hotel across the street from the police station.

"As a husband, he is a hero. But as for what he did when he was a criminal, I don't think of him as a hero, and hope others don't look up to him," Naomi Angel said. She said she hopes tomorrow's furlough would be followed by his regularly being given time out of prison, like other convicts. Herut Lapid, who is well-known



Paris halts sale of flats that might have been seized in Holocaust

PARIS (Reuters) - The Paris city council halted its flat sales yesterday on charges that some city-owned apartments may have been seized from Jews deported to Nazi death camps in World War II. Mayor Jean Tiberi said the sales under way were suspended until the history of the acquisition of each could be studied. Deputy Mayor Jean-Francois Legaret told Reuters after a council meeting.

He said a planned sale of about 10 apartments scheduled for today had been halted, along with plans for other sales, mainly in the medieval Marais region of the capital near the Saint-Gervais Church where many Jews live.

The French Jewish community urged the city council on Sunday to report "on possible despoilment of Paris Jewish families under the collaborationist Vichy regime, and on compensation to them."

Their fears were stirred by a book, *Private Estate*, by journalist Brigitte Vital-Durand, which said the Paris city council owns 150 buildings in the Marais, some of which had belonged to Jews, and that some property was sold without its history being disclosed.

The book said the population of part of the Marais had slumped to 5,000 from 25,000 during the war

as Jewish families were deported or fled persecution. In total, about 75,000 Jews were deported from France to Hitler's death camps. Tiberi, at the center of a string of scandals over cut-price city housing let to political cronies, said people should stop demonizing the city.

"It would be immoral for the City of Paris to sell a building it had obtained in this way," he said. Bernard Delanoe, head of the opposition Socialists on the council, welcomed the suspension of sales and said city hall should not be blamed for events of half a century ago.

Holocaust survivors and their relatives have become more vocal in recent years in seeking to trace billions of dollars in assets seized by the Nazis, notably gold alleged to have been sent to Swiss banks during the war.

Tiberi, who succeeded President Jacques Chirac at city hall last year, has ordered the sale of a third of the 1,389 flats the city has purchased or acquired over the centuries.

The sale followed a scandal over disclosures that the city council was leasing flats well below market prices to political cronies and notables, including Prime Minister Alain Juppe.

BEYOND THE CLOSED DOOR

Chinese Culture and the Creation of Tai Chi Ch'uan
Tai Chi is a child of Chinese culture, reflecting and illuminating the root ideas of its heritage. Arie Lev Breslow weaves a colorful tapestry of myth, stories, philosophy, history and his own experience as a teacher of Tai Chi, to give the reader a profound insight into the culture from which it came, helping to understand the origins and practice of Tai Chi. "Reading this book will certainly take more time than a meal in a Chinese restaurant, and the reward is likely to be greater" - Michael Widlanski, The Jerusalem Post. Softcover, 397 pp. Almond Blossom Press. JP Price NIS 49.00 Inc. VAT + NIS 4 for mailing in Israel.

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